

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Floating offshore wind turbine fleet plans:** Leading global energy producer Equinor is moving forwards with plans to launch gigantic floating wind turbines into the sea, around 140km off the coast of Norway. This venture opens the door for a previously untapped resource. (cleantechnica.com 11/04/2020)
- **Cambridgeshire CC to build 2.5MW solar carport:** A 2.5MW carport with battery storage and EV chargers is to be built in Cambridgeshire. The electricity generated will be used to provide the energy for all onsite needs, including EV chargers as well as CCTV (solarpowerportal.co.uk 09/04/2020)
- **As COVID-19 bites, EDF lowers its nuclear output projection for 2020:** A recent statement from EDF have said that they have sharply revised their projected nuclear output for the year, expecting 300 terawatt hours compared to the previously forecasted 375-390 terawatt hours. (cnbc.com 16/04/2020)
- **Ofgem fines InterGen £37million for market manipulation:** Ofgem has fined InterGen £37million for sending National Grid misleading signals to make a substantial profit. In 2016, InterGen – which owns gas-fired power plants in the UK – sent misleading energy about energy supplies during peak winter hours. (current-news.co.uk 15/04/2020)
- **Bushfires released more CO² than Australia does in 1 year:** The devastating 2019-20 fires have been estimated to have released 830m tonnes of CO², more than all bar five countries in the world. The regrowth of the forests would usually reabsorb the CO² released but with rising climate change impacts, the ability to recover may be hindered. (theguardian.com 21/04/2020)
- **Dutch hydrogen ambition hinges on subsidies:** The Netherlands wants to become a leader in green hydrogen production, but projects will require subsidies and more private investors to get off the ground. The Dutch Government has released a strategy paper which outlined the potential for green hydrogen production. (energyvoice.com 15/04/2020)

and finally.....

- **Hotel banned from having solar panels despite council HQ installing them 50 yards away:** The boutique hotel Llety Arall in Caernarfon, Wales, have been refused permission by the Gwynedd Council to have solar panels on their roof. The reasoning by the council was that the solar panels would 'clutter the view'. This is despite the council's HQ having solar panels only 50 yards from the hotel. (dailymail.co.uk 15/04/2020)

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1. A fixed price, do it yourself service, giving you full access to the platform to produce your own SECR compliant report; or
2. Our full bureau service providing you with our complete our complete range of services including – organisational structural review, data collection/uploading verification and compliance reporting.

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