

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Britain's largest solar farm poised to begin:** Cleve Hill, a £450m project producing 350MW, expected to receive the go-ahead in Kent. With the capability to power 91,000 homes, 900 acres of farmland will be used for the 880,000 solar panels. (theguardian.com 24/05/2020)
- **German company combines wind, wave and solar in one system:** SINN Power of Germany have recently been researching and developing the idea of the world's "first floating ocean hybrid platform". The company is currently developing fully functioning prototypes in Greece. (cleantechnica.com 26/05/2020)
- **Siemens Gamesa contracted for 496MW wind power plant:** Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy has secured a wind turbine supply contract in France. They will be supplying 62 of their offshore wind turbines for the 496MW Bay of Saint Brieuc offshore wind power plant. (power-technology.com 01/06/2020)
- **Coronavirus crisis could cause \$25tn (£20tn) fossil fuel collapse:** The coronavirus outbreak could trigger a £20 trillion collapse in the fossil fuel industry by accelerating a terminal decline for the world's most polluting companies. (theguardian.com 04/05/2020)
- **Duke Energy commits to 232MW Florida solar:** The three latest projects are set for development in 2021 in Manatee County. The projects are being built to go towards to developer's 700MW PV target within the state. (renews.biz 01/06/2020)
- **Government blocks plans for extension to offshore wind farm:** The government have recently refused development consent for a 34-turbine extension to the Thanet wind farm off the coast of Kent, citing concerns about the impact on shipping, ports and marine navigation. (businessgreen.com 03/05/2020)
- **Energy firms urged to mothball coal plants:** Companies are being told they could save billions, as well as curbing carbon emissions by building new solar power projects with new figures showing the solar power projects would generate cheaper electricity than most of the current coal power plants. (theguardian.com 02/06/2020)

and finally.....

- **Russia in a state of emergency after 20,000tn of diesel leaks into river:** On the 4th of June, Russia intensified efforts to clean up a major fuel spill that environmentalists say is the worst accident in the Arctic. Putin has ordered a state of emergency to deal with the disaster whilst the first arrest regarding the case has been made. (sciencealert.com 05/06/2020)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark have received unanimous support at planning committee for a gas-powered standby generation facility located within the Green Belt. Through demonstrating a robust alternative site assessment and identifying very special circumstances exist, the Council agreed that the benefits of the scheme would outweigh any harm by providing greater flexibility in the energy generation network and support the move towards renewable and low carbon energy. The application will be referred to the National Planning Casework Unit for consideration with a decision expected by the end of June.

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