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Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice

I, Professor Jane Norman, President and Vice-Chancellor on behalf of University of Nottingham, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of Nottingham fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the concordat.

By signing this concordat we recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We also agree to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

At the University of Nottingham we are committed to embedding environmental sustainability throughout our world-leading research, world-class teaching, campus activity, investments and our work with partners locally and globally.

Our University has already taken action to support the environment and deliver research to secure a more sustainable planet. We are committed to using a science-based approach to setting future carbon reduction targets for our UK operations and have established ambitious carbon reduction targets in line with the Paris agreement, which we remain on target to achieve. As set out in our strategy our targets are a 63% reduction in emissions (scope 1 and 2) by 2030, Net Zero by 2040 and Absolute Zero carbon target by 2050.

To achieve these ambitions the university will come together as a community of staff and students and through a step-change in our efforts we will respond to the climate emergency and embrace environmental sustainability more widely. We support Nottingham's ambition to be the UK's first zero carbon city by 2028 and are working with partners in China and Malaysia to improve sustainability in their regions.

Yours sincerely

Professor Jane Norman
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