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

I, Robert Van de Noort on behalf of the University of Reading, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of Reading 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 Reading, sustainability is at the core of our research mission. As a globally recognised leader in climate science, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture and energy systems, our work informs policy, transforms industry practice and builds a more resilient future.

We remain firmly committed to our institution wide approach to driving environmental sustainability across all of our activities. This includes embedding sustainability in our research culture, making it a guiding principle in how research is conducted, ensuring responsible use of resource and fostering ethical leadership in sustainability.

We have already made significant progress in many areas, such as sector leading reductions in our carbon emissions, rigorous management of our resources and waste, adopting ambitious travel carbon reduction targets and ensuring business processes reflect our sustainability commitments.

Of course, there is still much that must be done. In line with the commitments of this concordat, we shall continue to pursue sustainable practices in our research activities and champion this approach with our partners.

Yours sincerely,



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