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

I, Professor Deborah Prentice, Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of Cambridge 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.

The world-leading research we undertake at Cambridge plays a pivotal role in accelerating the transition to a [low carbon and sustainable future](#). We recognise the need for us to undertake this research in an environmentally responsible way and we welcome the priority areas set out in the Concordat as a framework for helping us to achieve that. We have already made a number of sustainability commitments relating to our infrastructure, supply chain and business travel, and we report annually on our environmental sustainability performance. The University Council recently [announced](#) plans to strengthen our leadership and governance relating to our operational environmental sustainability performance. Becoming a signatory of the Concordat will help us to engage and collaborate more effectively with our own academic community, other institutions in the sector, and funding bodies to drive further improvements in these areas, for the benefit of the University and beyond.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Deborah Prentice
The Vice-Chancellor