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

I, Prof Mark E. Smith, President and Vice Chancellor on behalf of the University of Southampton, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of Southampton 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.

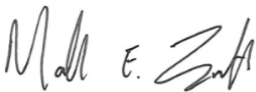
By signing this concordat, we recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We also agree to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable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

Addressing sustainability is a core and integral part of the University of Southampton's strategic direction. Our Sustainability Strategy, launched in 2020, aligns closely with the priorities of the Concordat, including our commitment to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions across all scopes. In addition, we have implemented a range of initiatives to improve the environmental sustainability of our research practices, including participation in the Laboratory Efficiency

Assessment Framework (LEAF), which continues to expand across our research community. We are committed to implementing the Concordat's priorities and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory.

Our refreshed Sustainability Strategy 2026-30, to be launched in Spring 2026, will further embed sustainability across all our activities. Through this work, and through our research and innovation strengths in areas including sustainable infrastructure, energy systems and data-enabled decision making, we seek to contribute meaningful solutions that deliver positive outcomes at local, regional and global levels.

Yours sincerely,



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