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

I, Chris Day on behalf of Newcastle University, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

Newcastle University 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.

Social and environmental justice has been embedded as a core value within Newcastle University's Vision and Strategy since 2018, and we continue to work towards Net Zero on campus. We welcome the concordat as a mechanism for focussing our attention on our research and innovation practice. The concordat will help us to assess our progress, to learn from good practice across the sector, and to share our own successes, and indeed challenges. We are proud of our achievements in our sustainability research, including a Queen's Anniversary Prize in 2023 for global research excellence in water and sustained strong performance in global sustainability rankings.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C.P. Day", with a horizontal line underneath.

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