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I, Professor Max Lu, President and Vice Chancellor, on behalf of University of Surrey, confirm our commitment to all six priority areas for delivery outlined in the [Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice](#). The University of Surrey fully supports the aims outlined in the concordat and will deliver against all priorities in practice.

By signing this Concordat, we recognise our responsibilities as a signatory and acknowledge 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 Concordat aligns with the University of Surrey's [Vision 2041](#) and the integration of sustainability into all eight of our core university policies.

Through our sustainability activities, we aim to be recognised as a research leader across the sector, building on our heritage of over 30 years of excellence in interdisciplinary sustainability research. In 2022, the University launched the [pan-university Institute for Sustainability](#) to break new ground in producing world-class research, innovation and education that addresses urgent global sustainability challenges.

Our commitments extend beyond research to our leadership and on campus operations. As echoed in the Concordat, we are already working on managing sustainable infrastructure, applying sustainable procurement practices, engaging with accreditations such as The Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) and working towards net zero, as outlined in our [annual sustainability reports](#).

The University will also pursue its partnerships for the UN Sustainable Development Goals, working closely with local and international partners to develop solutions to the world's sustainability challenges, channelling some of these through the Institute's Sustainability [Innovation hub](#).

Yours sincerely



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