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

I, Professor Paul Matthews on behalf of The Rosalind Franklin Institute, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The Rosalind Franklin Institute 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.

We are committed to demonstrating visible and credible leadership in environmental sustainability across all levels, ensuring our research practices are aligned with climate science and ecological principles. This includes maximising the use of existing infrastructure, embedding sustainability into procurement decisions, and aligning travel practices with UKRI's low-carbon policy. Our efforts are supported by site-wide initiatives at Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, which has pledged to achieve 50% net zero carbon buildings, a 75% reduction in emissions by 2033, and zero waste to landfill. These commitments enable us to adopt low-carbon approaches, utilise net zero/near-net zero infrastructure, while supporting climate-conscious resourcing decisions.

Transparency and collaboration will underpin our efforts, ensuring shared learning and continuous improvement across the sector as we work toward a more sustainable research and innovation ecosystem.

Yours sincerely,



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