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Dear Vice Chancellor,

I am writing to ask you to consider making a Nature Positive Pledge. This is an initiative between the United Nations Environment Programme and the University of Oxford, affiliated with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. They are urgently seeking “Founding Universities” to make the Pledge before their launch in **October 2022**.

NATURE POSITIVE means halting and reversing nature loss so that species and ecosystems start to recover. Our future needs to be both zero carbon and nature positive. For a university, being Nature Positive means restoring species and ecosystems that have been harmed by the impacts of the university and its activities and enhancing the university’s positive impacts on nature. This means considering and enhancing the biodiversity on our campus, and reducing the impacts of our operations and supply chains.

By signing up as a University we would commit to:

- Carrying out a baseline of our impacts on nature
- Setting smart targets
- Carrying out actions to meet our targets
- Reporting back annually on our progress

I am particularly concerned about the impacts of climate change and habitat loss, and believe that creating more resilient ecosystems, and supporting nature restoration will create a more stable liveable future for us all.

I would be proud to know my university was taking a leading role tackling its own impacts and helping to lead others on a Nature Positive journey. I would be happy to help with activities such as a campus biodiversity survey or supply chain data collection, and organising events on campus to raise awareness.

Nature Positive Universities will provide us with guidance and support, and examples from a global network of universities who are working towards Nature Positive. Please visit the following website to find out more and sign up:

<https://naturepositiveuniversities.net/>

Yours sincerely,