

The Researcher: The researcher observes Birmingham City University ethics code, and is bound by the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Royal Town Planning Institute's Codes of Conduct. The researcher has undergone a DBS Check.

Potential benefits of participation: Your participation will be able to inform and potentially influence policy in the planning of cities when considering digital advances. It will develop your understanding of citizenship and the planning of cities.

Potential risks of participation: There are no significant risks to participation identified by this research.

Confidentiality arrangements: All data collected will be treated confidentially. In order to prevent identification, coding techniques will be employed whereas the participant's identity is protected by assigning codes to the data. If cases of visual data collected separate consent will be sought for the specific event. Data storage will comply with internal BCU policies. All confidential data will be stored on BCU servers. Analysis of the data will employ codes and the researcher alone will have access to the confidential information. Interpretation of the data will aim to reduce the risk of identification. Data will be retained until all publications stemming from the research have been completed. The project is scheduled to run until 2022. Research progress and final outcomes will be shared through online platforms and a final report available.

Data protection: Any personal data collected will be treated accordingly to the Data Protection Act 1998 and GDPR legislation. The collected data will be securely stored digitally on BCU servers for the duration of the study. Access will only be available by the researcher and the supervisors. The data storage will keep in line with BCU policies and ensure that any data is stored in secure location in electronic and physical form and only the researcher has access to it. In the case of electronic data, the BCU secure servers online and encrypted devices will be used. In the cases of physical data, procedures will be put in place to digitalise the data as soon as possible and destroy any physical copies.

Participants' rights: You have the right of informed consent. If any point you feel that you have not been sufficiently informed about the study or the use of the data that you have provided you have the right to withdraw your consent at any stage without prejudice. The data collected will be treated in a confidential manner. The data collected will be treated confidentially according to data protection law and BCU research practices. Your consent and that of your parent are both needed for the data to be collected and analysed.

Who the funders are: The study is funded by the Birmingham City University STEAM Scholarship program.

Details of anyone who has been responsible for reviewing the study: The study is reviewed by two supervisors as part of the Birmingham City University doctoral processes and an internal Ethics Review Panel.

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You can provide informed consent by signing the attached consent form.

THANK YOU!