

Participant Information Sheet

Study Title: Towards Identifying the Contemporary Dwelling Model in England

Principal Investigator: Heba M. Sarhan

Sponsor: Northumbria University

Introducing the Researcher

Hello my name is Heba Sarhan and I am a PhD student at Northumbria University. I am inviting you to take part in my research which focuses on the development of the residential environments. My work stems from the belief that residential environments are inseparable from the meanings we possess towards our home life.

Before you decide on participating, it is important for you to read this leaflet so you understand why the study is being carried out and what it will involve.

Reading this leaflet, discussing it with others or asking any questions you might have will help you decide whether you would like to take part or not.

What is the purpose of the study?

My research aims to better understand how qualities of home space reflect contemporary home-life. The work is intended to help improve the design of homes in England. The research activities will explore residents' home-life and the way this relates to the spaces in their homes.

Why have I been invited?

The place where you live in the housing typology taken as the case study for this research.

Do I have to take part?

After reading through this information sheet you can choose whether to take part in this research or not.

What will happen if I take part?

There will be three stages to the research:

1. Home tour (approx. 30 mins.)

The first stage involves you taking me on a tour of your home. You can of course choose the spaces you want to show to me. During the tour we will have a conversation about the ways that you use these spaces. I may also require your approval for each of the following; making sketches, taking photos during the home tour.

2. Interview (approx. 30-60mins)

At a later date, I will revisit your home to interview you. We will talk about your experience of your home in more detail. This will take around 30-60 minutes and if you give your permission, the

interview will be audio recorded for later transcription. You have the freedom not to respond to any of the questions.

Model-making (approx. 2hrs)

The third stage is a model making activity. I will provide you with lots of materials and ask you to construct a model of your ideal home. The activity can take place in your home, in a local community space or at Northumbria University – you can decide. We will talk about your ideas while you make your model and together we will take photographs and make notes to record the process. I may audio-record the process, only if you give me your approval for this.

Please note the following:

- For all activities taking place in your home, I will be accompanied by a third party approved by the University. This is to comply with the University's Health and Safety guidance.
- All the research activities will be audio-recorded only if you give your approval for this.
- I might require your approval for making notes during the research activities.

Will my participation involve any physical risk?

There is no physical risk to participants as a result of taking part in this research.

Will my participation involve any psychological discomfort or embarrassment?

Emotional distress may arise from disclosing personal or emotional information. You have the freedom not to include any information that may cause discomfort or embarrassment.

How will confidentiality be assured?

You will be assigned a number that will be used for identification purposes throughout the study. Only the principal investigator (Heba Sarhan) will have access to your personally identifiable information; paper records will be stored in a locked filing cabinet on the University premises and electronic information will be stored on a password-protected computer. Any personal details will be kept separate from data and will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Who will have access to the personally identifiable information that I provide?

As principal investigator, I (Heba Sarhan) will be the only one who will have access to the identifiable information that you provide. Should the research be presented or published in any form, then that information will be anonymised and you will not be identifiable.

How will my information be stored / used in the future?

The data collected in this study will be used for a Postgraduate Thesis to be submitted to Northumbria University. It is intended that the results of the study will eventually be published in peer-reviewed journals and may also be presented at conferences. After the thesis has been completed, data will be securely stored at the Northumbria University for 5 years.
At no time will you or your data be personally identifiable.

Categories of personal data that will be collected: Name, address, job title (if appropriate) and household structure.

Northumbria University will be the data controller for this study. The data you provide will be processed only in the public interest for the purposes of this research. The data will not be transferred out of the EU.

Has this investigation received appropriate ethical clearance?

Yes, this study has received ethical approval from the Northumbria University Faculty of Engineering and Environment Ethics committee.

Will I receive any financial rewards / travel expenses for taking part?

You will receive £20 in the form of gift vouchers. Voucher receipt will be after completing the study.

How can I withdraw from the project?

You are free to withdraw from the study at any time. If you wish to withdraw, simply contact one of the researchers or the principal investigator.

If I require further information who should I contact and how?

- **For general queries related to the research:**

Researcher

Heba M. Salah Sarhan

Postgraduate Researcher

Department of Architecture

Faculty of Engineering & Environment

Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne

heba.sarhan@northumbria.ac.uk

or

Research Supervisor

Professor Rosie Parnell

Department of Architecture

Faculty of Engineering & Environment

Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne

T: +44 (0) 191 232 6002 Ext: 2080E:

rosie.parnell@northumbria.ac.uk

- **For further information on any issues related to data protection, please contact the University's Data Protection Officer: dp.officer@northumbria.ac.uk**

If you are unhappy with any aspect related to data collection and protection, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office. Your rights are listed in more detail on the appended sheet.

Document Appendix

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union regulation which came into force in Northumbria University Research Ethics on May 25th 2018.

The GDPR introduces eight “rights” that a data subject has over the personal identifiable data which is stored about them. These are:

1. To be given clear information about how their data will be processed.
2. Access to all personal data held about them.
3. To correct incomplete/inaccurate information.
4. To request data deletion.
5. To ask for data processing to cease.
6. To request an electronic copy of their data.
7. The right to complain about certain types of data processing.
8. The right not to be subject to a decision made solely on automated processing.