

Information Sheet

Happy Homes Research Project

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KTP Social Value Design – Resident’s Interviews and Focus Group

My name is Gloria Vargas, I am a Research Associate at the School of the Built Environment at the University of Reading working in collaboration with Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects and Cambridge University. I am carrying out research to identify how specific spaces and element in home contribute to people’s well-being and quality of life. We would like to invite you to participate and contribute to an exciting research project called ‘Happy Homes Project’.

We are contacting you because we want to understand more about your own experience of living in your home and neighbourhood and how your experience can positively influence future projects as a result. You have the option to choose how you want to participate. There are three different ways to give your feedback:

- 1) Interview:** A face to face 45-minute recorded interview with you at your home. I would like to tape the interview and transcribe section later. Copies of the transcript will be available on request and any changes which you ask for will be made. With your consent, we would like to take a few photos of spaces or architectural elements in your home relevant to the study and/or how the spaces are used. You will be asked to give your consent before taking any photographs.
- 2) Focus Group:** You can also participate in a 45-minute recorded focus group with other participants within your building. A few photos will be taken and you will be asked to give your consent before taking any photograph.
- 3) Online or paper survey:** You can participate by answering an online survey or request a paper survey.

To participate, you will be asked to sign a consent form and you will have time to read the information and the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have before giving consent. You can choose not to participate or not to answer any questions. You are free to withdraw at any time at any stage. Your identity will remain confidential, your name and all identifying information will be removed from the written transcript. Photos and quotes will not be linked to any personal data. My supervisors and I will be the only people who will have access to confidential data. The data will be kept securely and when and stored for 10 years in line with RCUK and destroyed after that. The data will be used for the purposes of the research only. Copies of any outputs, such as articles, presentation slides and will be available on request. We do hope you will be interested in participating in this exciting research project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me **Dr. Gloria Vargas at g.a.vargas@reading.ac.uk**, or my academic supervisor **Professor Tabarak Ballal at: t.ballal@reading.ac.uk**

In gratitude for your participation, you will enter in a **raffle to win a voucher worth £20** at the end of the study

This project has been subject to ethical review, according to the procedures specified by the University Research Ethics Committee at the University of Reading and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

Dr. Gloria Vargas

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