**Participant Information Sheet**

Before you decide whether to take part, it is important that you understand what you will be required to do. Please take the time to read the following information and feel free to ask if anything is not clear or if you need more information.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

In this study, I would like you to use the carbon footprint calculator that I have made and then fill in a questionnaire.

**Do I have to take part?**

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form. However, you will still be free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

You will be invited to use the carbon footprint calculator I have made and then fill in a questionnaire according to the instruction that I give you.

Your responses will be recorded during the experiment. You will be able to communicate with the experimenter during the experiment if you need to do so. If you are uncomfortable or have a problem, it is possible to take a break or stop the experiment altogether at any time.

Once the study is completed, you will be debriefed, and may ask any questions about the study or the procedure.

**What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

There are no known risks associated with the study.

**Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

Yes. All information will be treated in strict confidence. Data will be stored on password protected computers and only the research team will have access to the data. Your responses will not be revealed to anyone and will be stored anonymised and separate from any personal data like your name.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The findings of this study will be used in scientific publications and conferences. However, we will keep your name and personal details confidential, and we will ensure that you cannot be identified in these reports.

Please note that new data protection legislation has come into effect across the EU, including the UK; this means that we need to provide you with some further information relating to how your personal information will be used and managed within this research project.

Manchester Metropolitan University will act as the Data Controller for this study. This means that the University is responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. In order to collect and use your personal information as part of this research project, we must have a basis in law to do so. The basis that we are using is that the research is ‘a task in the public interest’.

Further information, including details about how and why the University processes your personal information, how we keep your information secure, and your legal rights (including how to complain if you feel that your personal information has not been handled correctly), can be found in the University’s Privacy Notice: <https://www.mmu.ac.uk/policy/pdf/policy_ref_data_protection_policy.pdf>

**Contact for further information**

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