**Appendix B CI301 Ethics Checklist**

The following checklist should be used to determine whether your project falls within the scope of the University’s Research Ethics Policy, and whether ethical review will be required (see section 3 of the Research Ethics Policy for further information on the types of research that falls within its scope).

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|  | **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | Will the project involve the participation of humans (eg interviews, surveys, focus groups, observations, photography, audio or video recording, physical activity or invasive/intrusive procedures)? |  | / |
| 2 | If YES to above question, will you be collecting: |  | / |
|  | Personal data on vulnerable adults[[1]](#footnote-1) |  | / |
|  | Personal data on adults who are not CI301 students |  | / |
|  | Personal data that could identify the respondents |  | / |
|  | Personal data that is classified as sensitive[[2]](#footnote-2) |  | / |
| 3 | Will the research involve the use of bodily materials derived or obtained from humans? |  | / |
| 4 | Will the research require access to, collection of or use of (non-personal) sensitive or confidential data? |  | / |
| 5 | Does the research have the potential to expose any person, whether or not participating in the research, to physical or psychological harm? |  | / |
| 6 | Does the research have the potential for significant negative impact on or damage to the natural environment? |  | / |
| 7 | Does the research have the potential for significant negative impact on culture or cultural heritage? |  | / |
| 8 | Will the research involve the use of or study of animals of any kind? (Note: animal research should be reviewed by the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board). |  | / |
| 9 | Are there are any other ethical issues raised by this research project that in the opinion of the applicant would warrant ethical review? |  | / |

If you have answered yes to any questions from 2 to 9, then some form of ethical review will be necessary. You will need to discuss this with your supervisor who will advise whether you need to submit an application for Tier 1 approval via a BREAM online application.

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| Project Title | A locally optimised genetic algorithm for the classic game ‘Snake’ |
| Name of applicant | Shane Butt |
| School | Computer Science |
| Start date (ie date you plan to start recruiting participants or collecting data) | 11/10/2019 |
| End date (for students this will normally be the date you are due to submit your project or dissertation) | 11/05/2020 |

1. For a definition of vulnerable adults please see Annex F of the University of Brighton’s ethics guidance document- <http://bit.ly/2l7CgyI> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. “Sensitive” data is treated as a special category under the GDPR and includes “‘personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership; the processing of genetic data or biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a person; data concerning health or data concerning sex life or sexual orientation’” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)