Consent form for participation and

for personal data to be collected and



used for research purposes

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the **IDEAL home energy advice project**, which includes participation in the BIGSMALL project. Please complete the sections below to participate in the project.

Please initial

each box

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| I have received, read and understood the information booklet entitled: “The IDEAL home energy advice project: Important information about the project and your household’s participation in it” (‘the information booklet’), and any questions that I have about participating in this study have been answered satisfactorily. |  |
| I confirm that I, and anyone else who lives in the home where the feedback system will be installed, consent to participate in the IDEAL and BIGSMALL projects as described in the information booklet, and that I/we will have a **standard / enhanced [delete as applicable]** system installed in my/our home. |  |
| I understand that my household will receive feedback on our energy use through a tablet provided as part of participation, and which is also accessible from web browsers. |  |
| I understand that I/we will receive feedback which is similar to a standard smart meter display as provided by utility companies, e.g. showing current and historic gas and electricity use and cost. |  |
| **Standard participants only:** I understand that as this is an experimental study some homes will get more feedback features added over the period of the study and some homes will continue to receive features which are similar to those available on standard smart meter displays, and that I will not be able to choose which set of features my household will receive. |  |
| **Enhanced participants only:** I understand that I/we will get more feedback features added over the period of the study. |  |
| I understand that at the end of the project I will be able to have access to my raw sensor data if I so wish. |  |
| I understand that my household may occasionally be asked to participate in additional activities around energy use and feedback. I understand each time I/we will have the choice to participate in these additional activities or not. |  |
| I confirm that I am over 18 years of age, that I usually live at the address where the feedback system will be installed, and that I am one of the following:   * Someone who pays one of these bills for the home where the installation will be: mortgage, rent, electricity or gas. * Or, the partner of someone who pays one of those bills. |  |
| I understand that researchers involved in the project will need to visit my home to install, modify and remove equipment, at times to be agreed with myself. |  |
| I understand that the equipment installed remains the property of the University of Edinburgh. |  |

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| I agree to help keep the feedback system working well by:   * leaving my broadband router turned on at all times during my participation * leaving the equipment installed by the project team in the locations in which they are installed and plugged in. (If it becomes necessary to move any equipment, I will contact the IDEAL project wherever possible beforehand to discuss the changes needed.) |  |
| I understand that the equipment should be kept out of the reach of children under three years old because they contain small parts and batteries. I also understand that I should not accept the installation of an enhanced system in my home if there are children under 7 years of age and pets which may be able to access the parts of the system, because of the risk of damage to it. |  |
| I understand that the system uses my broadband internet connection and data allowance, and that the project cannot reimburse me if I have a broadband service that has data limits and this leads to extra broadband charges. |  |
| I understand that the sensors themselves do not collect personally identifiable data. However, I agree to inform any guests or other people in my home that energy use and other conditions in my house are being monitored by the University of Edinburgh. |  |
| Data collected during the project is described in the information booklet, and includes sensor data (including energy use, humidity, room and pipe temperatures, light levels and other conditions), data on my use of the feedback services, survey and question responses, photographs of sensor locations and appliances, and data from optional interview and focus group participation. I agree for these data to be collected, securely and confidentially stored and managed by staff involved in the projects, and used as described in the information booklet, including for outputs by the project team members and as part of an anonymised data archive, the purpose of which is to make the anonymised data available for future research conducted by ourselves and other organisations and for public access, and I agree for copyright in these data to be invested in the University of Edinburgh for these purposes. |  |
| I understand that I may withdraw my participation at any time from this project, without having to provide any reason, and will inform the IDEAL team of my choice to withdraw by calling us on 0131 539 8610, or emailing us at IDEAL@changeworks.org.uk . |  |
| If I choose to withdraw from the project, I will either return the equipment by post (paid for by the project) or allow the project team access to my home to collect it. |  |
| I understand if I withdraw early, I can still have access to my raw sensor data, however, I understand this may not be possible until near the end of the project. |  |
| (Optional, if you rent your home from a Social Housing Association (SHA)): I agree for NON-anonymised (that is, identifiable) summaries of data collected from my home to be shared with my SHA for the purposes of identifying tenants at risk of fuel poverty or unsafe housing conditions. |  |

Participant name [BLOCK CAPITALS]: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Installer’s use only**

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Installer’s signature (as witness to participant’s signing): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_