

19 December 2022

LETTER OF APPROVAL (CONDITIONAL)

APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR THIS STUDY TO BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 15/01/2023 AND 31/03/2023

Applicant (s): Mr Isheanesu Masaka

Project Title: Ridesharing App To Reduce Carbon Waste

Reference: 41415-LR-Dec/2022- 42879-1

Dear Mr Isheanesu Masaka

The Research Ethics Committee has reviewed the above application and would wish to make the following comments:

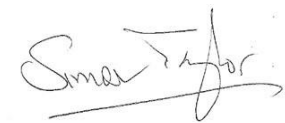
- Please be advised that recruitment via social media is limited to you creating / sharing a post on your own channels, which participants can respond to or share if they are interested. It does not extend to direct messaging of large numbers of contacts, which can be considered spam.
- A18 - We note that in your participants information sheet and in your draft recruitment post you have given the participants the option of withdrawing at any point. It might be beneficial to give them a deadline, especially if the data is truly anonymised you will have no means of identifying which data is theirs.
- A18.1 - Please remove the witness statement from your consent form, as this is only relevant to vulnerable participants

The Chair, acting under delegated authority has agreed that there is no objection on ethical grounds to the proposed study. Approval is given on the understanding that the conditions of approval set out below are followed:

- **The agreed protocol must be followed. Any changes to the protocol will require prior approval from the Committee by way of an application for an amendment.**
- **Please ensure that you monitor and adhere to all up-to-date local and national Government health advice for the duration of your project.**

Please note that:

- Research Participant Information Sheets and (where relevant) flyers, posters, and consent forms should include a clear statement that research ethics approval has been obtained from the relevant Research Ethics Committee.
- The Research Participant Information Sheets should include a clear statement that queries should be directed, in the first instance, to the Supervisor (where relevant), or the researcher. Complaints, on the other hand, should be directed, in the first instance, to the Chair of the relevant Research Ethics Committee.
- Approval to proceed with the study is granted subject to receipt by the Committee of satisfactory responses to any conditions that may appear above, in addition to any subsequent changes to the protocol.
- The Research Ethics Committee reserves the right to sample and review documentation, including raw data, relevant to the study.
- If your project has been approved to run for a duration longer than 12 months, you will be required to submit an annual progress report to the Research Ethics Committee. You will be contacted about submission of this report before it becomes due.
- **[delete for staff applications]** You may not undertake any research activity if you are not a registered student of Brunel University or if you cease to become registered, including abeyance or temporary withdrawal. As a deregistered student you would not be insured to undertake research activity. Research activity includes the recruitment of participants, undertaking consent procedures and collection of data. Breach of this requirement constitutes research misconduct and is a disciplinary offence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Taylor', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Professor Simon Taylor

Chair of the College of Engineering, Design and Physical Sciences Research Ethics Committee

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