**Survey response for UKRI funded extension**

As a first year PhD student, the COVID-19 situation first appeared to give me more time to focus on my desk work (i.e. literature review, numerical modelling experiments...), due to the cancellation of many field trips and conferences. As most of them are postponed to next year, the time saved now will certainly be used at a later time. However, being isolated from the supervisory team quickly led me to lose sight of the priorities, by spending a lot of time on unnecessary tasks. Having less landmarks (i.e. a course to give, to attend or a meeting) or deadlines (i.e. cancelled conferences) moreover made it difficult to punctuate the day and keep track of time and made me feel easily frustrated and overwhelmed by the situation. Without the usual 1-hour commuting time by bike every day, I could hardly find efficient way to step back on my work leading to a loss of productivity.

In spite of a general loss of work efficiency on a weekly average, working from home only had minor impacts on my technical capacity to conduct my research, as no laboratory work or field work is required. Disruptions mostly come from the lack of equipment at home (i.e. no proper desk but a shared kitchen table, no comfortable desk chair or separated keyboard, that lead to muscle tensions) and slower exchanges with the supervisory team (i.e. a team member available only half of the week, and furloughed from the 15/06, reduced possibility for spontaneous problem solving request…). In addition, the situation led to important delays in accessing data from external partners, necessary to conduct the research (i.e. difficulties from them to access and send heavy data from outside their office facilities).

For those reasons, if a funded extension could be granted, a maximum of one month would be a reasonable time.