**Consent Form in English**

Title of the Project : **Risks and Responses to Urban Futures**

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**Informed Patient/Guardian Consent Form**

**PART I**

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|  |  | Explained in Detail | Subject’s Response if any |
| 1. | Purpose of the Study | [ ] | This is a study that is trying to understand the changes in the environment of areas around cities and the impact of these changes on the people living in these areas, especially on their livelihoods and health.  ……………………………………………... |
| 2. | Study Procedures | [ ] | We will be asking about the experience and views of the residents of such areas around Delhi, observing the changes they describe, and also talking to the related officials and NGOs to get their views. In order to assess the environmental impact, we may also take samples of water, soil and crops produced in your area for chemical analysis. We would like your consent for collecting the samples for this purpose.  This understanding will then be linked with larger data of the region, and with similar experiences of other cities in South Asia to see what policies are possible to limit the negative effects. Finally, we will hold discussions with urban planners and policy makers to convey to them findings of the study and the importance of the changes that are suggested by the study.  ……………………………………………... |
| 3. | Risk of the Study | [ ] | None……………………………………………... |
| 4. | Benefits from the Study | [ ] | The study will scientifically identify the negative changes in the environment so as to draw to policy makers’ attention the need for specific approaches which address peri-urban spaces to enhance – rather than degrade the environment.  Both researchers and communities will engage with policy makers and have an opportunity to express their concerns. ……………………………………………... |
| 5. | Complications | [ ] | None anticipated ……………………………………………... |
| 6. | Compensations | [ ] | None……………………………………………... |
| 7. | Confidentiality | [ ] | Whatever information you give us will be used for this purpose and no names or individual information will be revealed to anyone at any stage.  ……………………………………………... |
| 8. | Rights of Participants | [ ] | If at any stage you do not wish to continue, please feel free to stop the interview and tell the investigator so. This decision is your right and will have no negative effect on you. You may also speak to any of the senior researchers at the following phone no.:011-26704420.  ……………………………………………... |
| 9. | Alternatives to Participation in the Study | [ ] | You have full right to refuse to participate in the study if you do not wish to do so. ……………………………………………... |
| 10. | Any Other….. | [ ] | None……………………………………………... |

**PART II**

**Respondent Consent**

Name of the Subject:

Signature of Respondent:

Date :

**Investigator’s Statement:**

I, the undersigned have explained to the respondent in a language she/he understands the procedures to be followed in the study and its risks and benefits.

Signature of the Investigator Date:

Name of the Investigator:

Signature of the Witness: Date:

Name of the Witness: