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**Gentrification, Displacement and the Impacts of Council Estate Renewal in London**

**Participant Information Sheet**

We are a small group of researchers from the University of Leicester and King’s College London. We are carrying out a three-year research project on the effects of estate regeneration in London, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. We are completely independent from government institutions and private developers.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

The study seeks to explore the different effects of estate regeneration in London. We are particularly interested in how residents are affected by displacement or the threat of displacement, including the displacement process itself and where residents are displaced to (whether this is a temporary or longer-term move). You have been chosen because you have identified yourself as a resident affected by estate redevelopment.

**How will the study be conducted?**

We will carry out an informal interview asking about your recollections of life on the estate, your experiences of redevelopment and the impact of these on your quality of life. The interviews will last around an hour, and take place in a setting of your choice. The interview will be audio recorded and some notes will be made by the interviewer.

All participants in the study will remain anonymous, and all the information we collect – including recordings of the interviews - will be kept on a password-protected secure server.

**What are the possible disadvantages or risks of taking part?**

There are no known risks or disadvantages of taking part, as all interviews will remain anonymous, and all data will be kept secure. This will be done by keeping all data on a secure, encrypted server, and not referring to your name or exact address when the findings are published.

We will send you a typed transcript of the recorded interview to allow you to check that you have not been misrepresented. You can also identify any material that you wish to be removed at this stage. You can withdraw from the study at any time.

All data will be confidential, although we will ask you to share your age, ethnicity, gender, employment status and the estate in which you reside/previously resided.

The transcripts and recordings of the interviews will be archived at the Museum of London. This will mean your voice, along with the aforementioned information will be publically available, if you chose to allow your interview to be shared.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

You will be paid - we will offer a payment of £20 for participating in the interview as compensation for your time.

The information from this research will help us understand the effects of estate redevelopment in London more fully, and to make policy recommendations that will result in more successful and less disruptive estate regeneration. At the end of the research project, a community-engagement event will be held at the GLA to launch an Estate Renewal advice handbook which we hope will be of use to residents who are concerned about potential displacement. We will also be engaging with local and national policy-makers to consider the implications of future redevelopment plans in London and elsewhere in the UK.

**What happens when the research stops?**

We will publish our findings in academic papers, media articles and at academic conferences, in addition to a book about estate renewal and displacement in London. We will also continue to engage policy-makers and the general public in the findings, including a public exhibition at Cambridge House in Southwark. This will be done through our website, partnerships with mainstream media outlets and public events. All will make reference to our project findings, and include anonymised quotes from interviewees.

**Do I have to take part in this research?**

You are under no obligation to take part in this research. You have the right to withdraw from the research process at any time, and do not have to give a reason for your withdrawal.

**What if there is a problem?**

Any complaint or concern about any aspect of the way you have been treated over the course of this study can be addressed by the investigators:

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