



Participant Information Sheet

You are being invited to take part in this research project because of your interest and involvement in **<insert city>** city centre. The project focuses on five city centres in total - Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hull, Liverpool and Nottingham - and aims to explore innovation and best practice in repurposing city centre real estate, particularly where different ventures operate within a property. The project runs over the period 2018-2021 and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

You are being invited to take part in an interview with one of the project researchers detailed below. We will ask you a series of questions and are keen to hear your thoughts, perspectives and insights into factors affecting processes of adaptation, focusing on **<insert transformation>**. We would anticipate the interview lasting around 45 minutes, although that may vary depending on how much you wish to say.

We would like to video/audio record the session, simply for ease of transcription and analysis, with recordings subsequently deleted. The transcription of the interview will be anonymised and all documents stored securely, used only by the research team. The research has been approved by the Department of Urban Studies and Planning's ethics review procedure, in line with the University of Sheffield's Ethics Committee. This seeks to ensure both your protection and that the research is not biased in any way. As we are funded by UK Research Councils, we will ask your permission for anonymous transcripts to be archived for the benefit of future research; you are free to decline.

Your name or the name of your organisation will not be used in any of the research outputs. Any direct quotes will be anonymised. However, there is always a chance that you could be identified by someone who knows you. Participation in this research is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw from this research at any time, until findings have been published.

We are contacting a number of people and, taken together, the interviews will form the basis of publicly available outputs such as blogs, a key findings briefing, and academic outputs such as journal articles or conference presentations.

Data protection statement: This project has been considered and approved by the University of Sheffield's Research Ethics Committee. Data protection legislation requires us to inform you that the legal basis for which we are processing your personal data is that 'processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest' (Article 6(1)(e)). Further information can be found in the University's Privacy Notice: www.sheffield.ac.uk/govern/data-protection/privacy/general.

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Thank you in anticipation, we really do appreciate your time.