**Participant’s invitation letter, participant information sheet, and Participant consent form**

**STUDY TITLE:** Enhancing Stakeholder Collaboration in risk-sensitive urban planning in Sri Lanka.

**INTRODUCTION**

We invite you to take part in a research study for enhancing stakeholder collaboration in risk-sensitive urban planning in Sri Lanka. This research will give knowledge that may benefit the stakeholders who are interested in contributing to the creation of safer urban environments by promoting stakeholder collaboration in risk-sensitive urban planning. First, we want you to know that taking part in the research is entirely voluntary. You may choose not to take part, or you may withdraw from the study at any time. In either case, you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled, nor will you otherwise be penalized. Before you decide to take part, please take as much time as you need to ask any questions and discuss about this study with me, family, friends, or any of your advisers.

**THE RESEARCH STUDY**

**1. Research Protocol**

You will be participating in interviews, focus group discussions, and/or need to fill questionnaires as part of the research study to refine, validate and develop a theory for fostering stakeholder collaboration in risk-sensitive urban development. You will be asked questions about your professional background, working relationships, role within the response system and risk-sensitive urban development activities at your workplace, collaborative activities in your role as well as your organisation, and your opinion about the literature findings. This interview should take approximately one and a half an hour.

**2. Risks/ Discomforts**

Since we will keep your responses confidential, we perceive little to no foreseeable risks to taking part in this study. However, your participation is entirely voluntary. You may skip over any questions for any reason, and you may stop at any time. Your responses will be kept confidential, and your name will not appear in any of our final products. When results of the research are reported in final reports, professional journals, at scientific meetings, or in academic dissertations, the people who take part are not named and identified. Any data used is constructed so as to preclude identifying participants.

**3. General or Participant Benefits**

In general, participants are not paid for taking part in these research studies.

**4. Problems or Questions**

If you have any problems or questions about your participation, rights as a research participant, any principal investigators, research-related concerns, and further information about this study, please contact me through P.Ganeshu@edu.salford.ac.uk.

**CONSENT DOCUMENT** - Please keep a copy of this document in case you want to read it again.

**Participant’s Consent**

I have read the explanation about this research study and have been given the opportunity to discuss it and to ask questions. I hereby consent to take part in this study.

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Signature of the participant

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Date