

Informed consent Professional Delphi

Introduction to the Project and the Delphi Process

Thank you for your interest in our research on 'Expectations of Automated Road Vehicles: UK Experts'. We greatly appreciate your time and expertise.

Automated vehicles may be the biggest technological change in road transport since the mass production of the T-Ford, but many uncertainties about their uptake and effects remain. The current study examines expectations of the future effects of automated vehicles on energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions in the UK. Both passenger and freight transport are considered.

The study focuses on experts in transport, energy, and robotics/artificial intelligence from across the public, private and third sectors, and we have invited 150 experts from the UK to participate in the research.

This research uses a 'Delphi' approach consisting of three sequential surveys that will build on each other. The digital platform that is used allows you to view how other participants are responding to the questions, and modify your responses if required. You can enter the survey as many times as you would like while the survey is open.

The three surveys will be conducted between April and August 2019. Each survey should take no more than 20 minutes. No background knowledge is required.

Ethical Consent

This project has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee (SOGC 1A 20-19).

Please read through these terms before agreeing to participate by ticking the 'yes, I agree to take part' box below. If you have any questions before taking part, please contact Dr Debbie Hopkins: Debbie.hopkins@ouce.ox.ac.uk (<mailto:Debbie.hopkins@ouce.ox.ac.uk>).

Your participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any point during the questionnaire for any reason, before submitting your answers, by pressing the 'Exit' button or closing the browser.

Personal data include your name, affiliation(s), email, and any other information that could be used to identify you. The University of Oxford ('data controller') is in control of this data, will determine how such data are used in the study, and will process the data.

Your answers will be completely anonymous, and we will use all reasonable efforts to keep them confidential. Your data will be stored in a password-protected file and your IP address may be stored. We have included a 'Prefer not to say' option for each set of questions if you prefer not to answer a particular question.

Research data will be stored for a minimum of three years after publication or public release.

The information collected will be collated and used to inform academic publications, policy briefs and presentations. No third parties will be given access to any of the data.

Responsible members of the University of Oxford and funders may be given access to data for monitoring and/or audit of the study to ensure we are complying with guidelines, or as otherwise required by law.

If you have a concern about any aspect of this project, please speak to the researchers [Dr Debbie Hopkins, debbie.hopkins@ouce.ox.ac.uk (<mailto:debbie.hopkins@ouce.ox.ac.uk>), and Dr Tim Schwanen, tim.schwanen@ouce.ox.ac.uk (<mailto:tim.schwanen@ouce.ox.ac.uk>)]. The researcher should acknowledge your concern within 10 working days. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact: Chair, Social Sciences & Humanities Inter-Divisional Research Ethics Committee; Email: ethics@socsci.ox.ac.uk; Address: Research Services, University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD.

Please note that you may only participate in this survey if you are 18 years of age or over.

If you have read the information above and agree to participate with the understanding that the data (including any personal data) you submit will be processed accordingly, please check the relevant box below to get started.

☒ I certify that I am 18 years of age or over. ☒ Yes, I agree to take part.