

# Study of Energy Use in the Home



- **What is this study about?**

This study aims to explore and understand how people think about energy use in the house.

- **What will I have to do?**

You will be asked to complete a card sorting task. You will be given a set of cards with something that uses energy around the home on each one and you will be asked to sort the cards into groups depending on how you think they belong together.

You will also be interviewed (alone or in a group) and be asked to complete a questionnaire. The discussions will be audio recorded and the recording will be transcribed (typed up). This is just to ensure that everything you say is captured. The recordings won't be broadcast publically, in fact the only people who will hear them is the main research Lizzi Gabe-Thomas and a transcriber. There is no way of knowing who you are from the transcriptions because your name will never be kept with them or the recording and only the research team will read them.

- **How long will it take?**

The study will take approximately one and a half hours.

- **Who will see my responses?**

Only the main researcher, Elizabeth Gabe-Thomas and a transcriber will hear the audio recording and your name or any other identifiable information **will not** be included. Your data will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

- **What will my data be used for?**

The data will be used to gain an understanding of how people think about energy use; from this we will design research instruments (surveys and interviews) for a larger study about energy literacy and energy saving in people in social housing.

- **What if I decide I don't want to do it?**

As with all psychological research, you have the right to stop the study at any point. You will be given a participant number so that if you want to withdraw your data at a later date, you can contact the researcher and your data will be destroyed.

**Any questions?**

## Consent to take part in research project

**Name of Main Researcher**

Dr Elizabeth Gabe-Thomas

**Title of Research**

ENLITEN Pilot Energy Consumption Exploratory study

**Purpose of work**

This study aims to explore and understand how people think about energy use in the home.

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The objectives of this research have been explained to me.

I understand that I am free to withdraw from the research at any stage, and ask for my data to be destroyed if I wish.

I understand that the main researcher will have attempted, as far as possible, to avoid any risks.

**I am happy to be audio recorded and understand that my data will be anonymous and confidential.**

Under these circumstances, I agree to participate in the research.

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

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Thank you!

You have now finished the study. Your responses will be used to explore how the people think about energy use. The findings of the study will be used to inform future research that aims to use technology to lower energy use in homes. The Projected is called Energy Literacy through an Intelligent home Energy advisor (ENLITEN), for more details please contact Lorna Fielker who will be recruiting for the main study later in the year.

If you have any questions about the study you have taken part in today or would like to withdraw your data please contact Lorna Fielker and she will pass on your messages to me.

Many thanks

*Lizzi*

Dr Elizabeth Gabe-Thomas

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