

Information Sheet for Participants

Project title:

“To what extent is there a broadband speed inequality in Leicestershire and whether additional inequalities are produced?”

About me:

My name is Ella Barrett and I am a student at the University of Leicester. I am currently in my second year and I am preparing to conduct research for my dissertation. My dissertation is investigating the extent to which there is broadband speed inequality in Leicestershire. Interviews shall be conducted to gain information about people’s experiences and feelings about broadband speed where they live.

The dissertation:

The dissertation is about finding the extent to which an inequality in broadband speed exists in Leicestershire. I will look at issues such as the effects low broadband speed has had on your daily lives and your opinions on the broadband speed you receive. With this data I will compare, contrast and analyse the varying experience people have due to different broadband speeds.

What I will have to do?

- Contact me on either eb270@student.le.ac.uk or 07508492390 to confirm that you would be interested to participate in my study.
- A list of pre-prepared questions will then be e-mail to you.
- Contact me on either eb270@student.le.ac.uk or 07508492390 to confirm that you would like to set up a meeting at the University of Leicester (possibly could be arranged somewhere else).
- Interviews expected to last 40 minutes max.
- Turn up to the interview to answer the list of pre-prepared questions, which shall be recorded on a dictaphone.
- At any time throughout this process you can e-mail me with any questions that you may have.

What will happen to the data collected?

The recording for the interview shall be stored safely and will not be shared apart from when writing up my dissertation. All names shall be changed when writing up my dissertation, so that your identity is hidden. The recorded interview shall be saved on a removable hard-drive. The hard-drive will be password protected. All data will be destroyed at the end of the 2017 academic term.

Voluntarily participate for this interview:

The involvement of you the interviewee will be voluntary, thus if you feel unhappy in answering certain questions; you can state that you would like to pass the question. If you have spoken and then do not want what you have just said to be included, this can be taken out.

Anonymity and confidentiality

Information that you will give in the interview will not be shared with anyone except those who read my dissertation proposal. Names will be changed in order for anonymity to occur.

You have the right to withdraw from the interviews as any point during them, and can withdraw your consent for me to use what has been said up until the time it has been anonymised, after which point it will not be able to identify which information relates to you. The data will be anonymised by the 1st October.

My contact details:

If you wish to contact me to ask questions or concerns with the study at any stage of my dissertation you can reach me on:

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