



Participant Information Sheet

Public engagement activity to understand public preferences on low-carbon infrastructure transition and decarbonisation initiatives

You are being invited to take part in a citizen consultation on how your city council should best respond to climate change. We want to hear your ideas for projects and initiatives to decarbonise the North and specifically Leeds, Bradford and Hull and your opinions on proposed projects and initiatives in this area. This citizen engagement will be also evaluated as part of a research project. Before you decide whether you want to participate it is important for you to understand why this citizen consultation is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

What is the purpose of the project?

This project aims to understand people's preferences with respect to low-carbon transition and decarbonisation in the North of England, with a focus on the three cities, Leeds, Bradford and Hull. We want to hear your ideas. What projects and initiatives would you like to see in your city that would help your city to respond to the climate emergency as effectively as possible? What do you think about the projects and initiatives others are suggesting? Do you know of any projects and initiatives from other cities or even countries that you think could work in your city as well? What is necessary for these projects and initiatives to succeed? What changes in your own behaviour, habits etc. would you be willing to make in the context of the overall transition?

We will be using the LiquidFeedback digital democracy and deliberation platform to provide citizens of Leeds, Bradford, and Hull with an opportunity to discuss these questions. This platform allows participants to start initiatives, discuss and modify them and lend their support to initiatives. We aim to gather a list of initiatives that have the most support from the citizens which the council can take forward in their future project and policy planning. The public's input will also help us to inform the direction of workshops with stakeholders on low-carbon transition in the North, ensuring we are discussing issues important to the public.

Whose can participate?

If you are a resident of Leeds, Bradford or Hull or the wider areas around these three cities and if you are 16 years or older, we would welcome your participation!

What do I have to do?

On registration, we will ask for your full name, email address, first four digits of postcode, and date of birth so we can have confidence councils are hearing initiatives from local citizens, and that you are over 16 years old. Your full name will be visible to other registered participants if they click on your username, which you can choose during the registration process. This means you will not be entirely anonymous to other users. This is to discourage online abuse. Your postcode (first four digits) and date of birth will be private. We will also ask for some socio-demographic data (your gender, ethnicity, education background, household income), which again will be kept private and will not be visible to anyone. Please note, private information (your full name, email address and date of birth) will be deleted after the completion of the citizen engagement and will not be included in the evaluation, though we will derive your age from the date of birth and retain the age information. During registration you will be categorised into an organisational unit depending on where you live (Leeds, Bradford, or Hull), but you will also be able to exchange with users from other organisational units, in an overall organisational unit.



Once registered, you can create an initiative, support existing initiatives, add comments to improve existing initiatives and indicate your support for other improvement suggestions. If you disagree, you can suggest an alternative initiative. There will be different subject areas: electric vehicle charging infrastructure, housing decarbonisation, renewable energy, public transport, green spaces, awareness/education and miscellaneous. At a later stage you can vote for your favourite initiatives (in your council unit). You can also delegate your deliberation and voting rights to other participants you trust. This way, you can focus on the themes you care most about, while allowing others to deliberate and vote on your behalf on themes you are less interested in.

There will be also expert users involved in the deliberation process, these are either researchers, city council members or MPs. They will be able to answer questions, to comment and to propose initiatives, but have no voting rights. If you have any question or would like to get more information on some issue, you can make use of these expert users.

Rules of Conduct

Participants should above all remain respectful during the engagement session. There should be no abusive, harmful, offensive comments.

Comments should be checked as far as possible for accuracy before posting.

Participants must not post unauthorised personal information of others (age, address, email, phone number etc.).

Participants who violate rules of conduct, in particular, who post abusive, harmful and offensive comments, will be blocked. Users, who post repeatedly misleading information, will be blocked as well.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether to take part. If you do decide to take part, you can still withdraw at any point. Once registered, you can decide to dis-engage or re-engage at any point without deleting your account. If you also decide to delete your account, your posts will not be deleted automatically, but they will be de-personalised and no longer be associated with you.

What will happen to my personal information?

All data will be held in accordance with the University's [Privacy Notice for Research](#), and personal data will be stored in a separate database. All personal data will be deleted at the end of the citizen engagement and will not be used for data analysis purposes.

What will happen to the results of the research project?

The results of the research will be compiled into a report which will be shared with the three participating city councils, Leeds, Bradford and Hull at the end of the project to inform their policies. The results will also be publicised through academic publications and conferences. If you would like to receive the report as a participant as well, please tick the box below. In this case, we will keep your email address until you have received the report and delete it afterwards.

Who is organising/ funding the research?

This citizen engagement/research is funded by a Pump Priming for Interdisciplinary Research Initiative grant from the University of Leeds.

Contact for further information

For further information or questions please contact Nicole Nisbett, nisbettconsultancy@gmail.com or Viktoria Spaiser, v.spaiser@leeds.ac.uk.



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If you are happy to proceed please tick the box and continue with registration.

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