



## Information for Research Participants

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the research project. Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you may change your mind about being involved in the research at any time, and without giving a reason.

This information sheet is designed to give you full details of the research project, its goals, the research team, the research funder, and what you will be asked to do as part of the research. If you have any questions that are not answered by this information sheet, please ask.

This research has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the Nottingham University Business School Research Ethics Committee.

What is the research project called?

Enabling business models innovation for sustainability in the UK glass sector

Who is carrying out the research?

Dr Luis Torres, Nottingham University Business School  
Dr Fangying Wang, and Dr Athina Grizi, Faculty of Engineering  
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What is the research about?

This research will provide a comprehensive understanding of policy interventions needed to enable business model innovation for sustainability, and in particular circular economy, in the glass sector in the UK. We ask two questions: what new policy interventions and/or policy mix are needed to enable sustainable business model innovation in this sector? How does the role of the local and national government need to evolve to facilitate this transformation? The focus is on flat glass products (windows and glazing) used by the construction sector because of their high circularity potential but the low actual rates of recycling and reuse.

What groups of people have been asked to take part, and why?

We are inviting industry bodies and key companies representing the glass sector. Representatives from the government (including councils), as well as the construction and the recycling sectors will be included.  
Participants will be identified during the literature review and from our project partners: British Glass and the TFI Network+.



What will research participants be asked to do?

Participants will be invited to take part of:

- A 40 min interview (face to face or by online): The interviews will aim at identifying what has worked and what needs to change in the UK policy interventions to facilitate sustainability transitions.
- A one-day stakeholder workshop: The workshops will be divided into three key questions: how do we envision the role of the local and national government to facilitate innovations for sustainability in the sector? What policy interventions are needed to facilitate the development of circular business models? What do sectors need to do to implement those policies through to 2050? A short survey will be also implemented to quantify policy options among participants. The survey will be available online and on paper at the workshop.

What will happen to the information I provide?

The University may store your data for up to 25 years and for a period of no less than 7 years after the research project finishes. The researchers who gathered or processed the data may also store the data indefinitely and reuse it in future research. Measures to safeguard your stored data include encryption protocol, pseudonymisation procedure, and anonymisation of data when possible.

The use of potentially identifying characteristics will be reduced to the role of the company/stakeholder in the glass value chain (e.g., demolition company, recycling company, etc.), and the job level/job area or the participant.

Anonymised excerpts from your interviews and/or workshop participation may be used in reports, publications, and policy briefs.

What will be the outputs of the research?

We will intend to publish peer reviewed publications, conference papers, and policy briefs with the finding of this project.

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### **Complaint procedure**

If you wish to complain about the way in which the research is being conducted or have any concerns about the research then in the first instance please contact the [*Principal Investigator or supervisor*].

Or contact the School's Research Ethics Officer:



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