

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Project Name: Trucking Lives: Making Space for People in Truck Driving Work**

We appreciate your interest in participating in this interview. Please read through this information before agreeing to participate (if you wish to) and signing the consent form which we will present to you before the beginning of the interview.

#### **Why this research?**

The aim of this research is to understand how UK lorry drivers enter, leave and work within road freight. It responds to three questions: (1) How is trucking work experienced, coordinated and represented? (2) What needs to change to attract and retain a diversity of workers? (3) Who are the key actors in effecting change? We know that lorry drivers are really important, but at the moment we don't know enough about how to improve the job so that more people want to do lorry driving work both now and in the future.

#### **Who is conducting this research?**

The Principal Researcher is Dr. Debbie Hopkins, who, along with the post-doctoral researcher Dr. Kavari Medappa, is attached to the Department for Continuing Education and the School of Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford. This research is being completed in collaboration with researchers Dr. AC Davidson at the University of Huddersfield, and Prof. Al James, at the University of Newcastle.

You may ask any questions before deciding to take part by contacting the researchers at: [truckinglives@conted.ox.ac.uk](mailto:truckinglives@conted.ox.ac.uk).

#### **What we will ask you about?**

We will ask a number of questions about your experiences of entering HGV driving work, being an HGV driver and your juggling of work and life as a lorry driver in the UK. This should take about an hour. No background knowledge is required, we'd just like to know more about your experiences.

#### ***Do I have to take part?***

No. Please note that participation is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you may withdraw at any point of the interview or by writing to [Kavari.medappa@conted.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Kavari.medappa@conted.ox.ac.uk) upto two weeks after your interview to convey your decision about your data being excluded from the analysis.

### ***How will my data be used?***

The data from the survey will be used to develop reports and academic publications. The anonymised data will also be stored in the UK Data Archive upon the completion of the project (September 2025).

We will not use your real name or use any personal data that can reveal your identity to readers. We will provide pseudonyms instead of using real names and keep confidential names of people, companies, etc. that you may mention during the interview. We will take utmost care to protect confidentiality, and as such, all the data from interviews will only be accessed by the research team comprising of four researchers from the Universities of Oxford, Newcastle and Huddersfield. For more details about the research team you can visit our website: [Trucking lives.co.uk](http://Truckinglives.co.uk). Any audio or visual material that you may share (photos, videos, audio messages) will be scanned for any personal data and all such data (faces of participants, registration plates etc.) will be blurred or pixelated while using such data for analysis.

The responses you provide will be stored in a password-protected electronic file on University of Oxford secure servers and may be used in academic publications, conference presentations, reports for external organisations, websites. Identifiable information will be deleted as soon as it is no longer required for the research. Research data will be stored for 3 years after publication or public release of the work of the research.

### ***Who will have access to my data?***

The University of Oxford is the data controller with respect to your personal data. The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that we perform in the public interest. Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights>. Anonymised data (without any personal information) you provide may be shared with Trucking Lives team members

We would also like your permission to use the data in future studies, and to share data with other researchers (e.g. in online databases). Data will be de-identified before it is shared with other researchers or results are made public.

### ***Who has reviewed this research?***

This research has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, a subcommittee of the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee [Ref. No. OUDCE C1A\_23\_004].

### ***Who do I contact if I have a concern, or I wish to complain?***

If you have a concern about any aspect of this research, please speak to Dr Kaveri Medappa, [Kaveri.medappa@conted.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Kaveri.medappa@conted.ox.ac.uk) and we will do our best to answer your query. We will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chair of

the Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford who will seek to resolve the matter as soon as possible:

Department for Continuing Education Ethics Committee, email:  
[researchethics@conted.ox.ac.uk](mailto:researchethics@conted.ox.ac.uk)

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

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