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The research aims

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- To determine what is lost and gained in urban renaissance developments in terms of ROS
- To determine how, and to what extent, different types of ROS contribute to older people's wellbeing
- To identify how best to design different types of ROS in urban renaissance housing to deliver maximum benefits to older people

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Features of ROS, including...

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- Type of ROS (e.g. garden/ parking/ storage space: bins)
- ROS area & boundaries (e.g. type, height, setback)
- ROS layout & topography
- Threshold between dwelling and ROS (e.g. access / distance...)
- Shade / sunlight
- Views (e.g. extent of greenery...)

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Wellbeing and ROS?

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- How and how often is ROS used?
- Does ROS have potential for different uses (hanging washing, entertaining, feeding wildlife...)?
- How does spending time in ROS make residents feel?
- How important is the view – more important than using the ROS?
- Do residents chat to neighbours in ROS?
- Is maintaining the ROS a concern?

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Research Approach (1)

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- Cross-sectional mixed methods
- Clustered samples
 - Housing developments (age and non-age specific)
- Desk based map/ plan analysis
 - Ascertain some ROS/ housing data
- Short questionnaire to large sample (desired n=2000)

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The Place Where You Live

Dear Householder

Researchers at Oxford Brookes University are carrying out important national research about your neighbourhood as part of a nationwide research project called 'CityForm'. This research is funded by one of the UK's Research Councils and aims to find out what is best and most sustainable about your local neighbourhood environment.

Your house is located within a carefully selected sample area and your responses to our questions will be highly valued and are really important for the project. We would very much appreciate your time and effort in filling out this questionnaire.

We would like to ask you or your spouse/partner to complete this questionnaire. (The householder is an overnight owner of a property or, if renting, the longest tenant). This will only take a short amount of your time, and your answers will be kept strictly confidential, private and anonymous. If you are unhappy answering any questions, please leave them blank.

There is also a version of this questionnaire which is suitable for visually impaired people - please contact us should you require one.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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Please use ticks to answer the questions

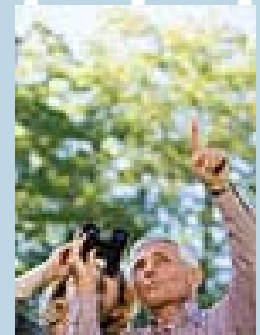
In case of any queries about this questionnaire, please contact Nicola Chesney on 01865 483248. You can also visit the CityForm website at www.cityform.org

Research Approach (2)

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- Follow-up in-depth interview (desired n=150-200)
 - In resident's home
 - Walk-around the ROS
 - Map / plan work with resident (Actual / desired features of ROS)
 - Resident diary (Frequency / type of use of ROS)



PhD progress

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- PhD proposal has been submitted to the Research Committee
- Aim: **To examine how the design and management of shared, private outdoor spaces influences the roles that these spaces play in the lives of residents of higher density housing**
- PhD will include residents of all ages and life stages, not just older people

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PhD progress: Aims

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- To establish what roles shared, private outdoor spaces (SPOS) play in the lives of residents of high density housing
- To investigate the differences in the roles of SPOS for residents of high density housing at different stages of life
- To investigate the value (if any) of SPOS to residents who rarely enter them
- To identify the key design and management characteristics of SPOS which maximise benefits to the residents who share them

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Questions for you!

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- How are we defining older people?
- Is the research approach appropriate?
- Any specific aspects of WB or features of ROS not covered?
- Any aspects / features of specific interest to you?
- Recommendations?
 - Potential housing developments
 - Changes to research approach

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