Interview consent and data processing statement

If you consent to being interviewed and to any data gathered being processed as outlined below, please print and sign your name, and date the form, in the spaces provided.

• This project - ‘PROJECT NAME’ - is being conducted by research teams at the NAME OF UNIVERSITY. It is funded entirely by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). (1.)

• All data will be treated as personal under the 1998 Data Protection Act, and will be stored securely.

• Interviews will be recorded by the research teams and transcribed by an independent transcriber who has signed a confidentiality agreement with them.

• Copies of interview tapes and transcripts will be offered to the ESRC Data Archive.

• A copy of your interview transcript will be provided, free of charge, on request.

• Data collected may be processed manually and with the aid of computer software.

• Please indicate, by ticking ONE of the boxes below, whether you are willing to be identified, and whether we may quote your words directly, in reports and publications arising from this research. (2.)

□ I/my employer (delete which is not applicable) may be identified in reports made available outside the research teams and the ESRC, and in publications.

□ Neither I, nor my employer, may be identified in reports made available outside the research teams and the ESRC, nor in any publications. My words may be quoted provided that they are anonymised.

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Please print your name: ...........................................................................................................

Signature: ......................................................... Date: ..........................
Notes:

1. Researcher contact details are required somewhere on the form. For example, this will help should withdrawal of consent – also not mentioned – become an issue.

2. The options given relate to confidentiality and publication. No consent is requested for sharing data at some future point. In fact consent for participation in the project or the right to withdraw are also missing. Further confusion is caused by the conflation of three requests for consent into one choice. Each should be presented in turn.