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Dear Elizabeth Fry Village Resident,

My name is Tadiwanashe Dune and I am an Environmental Science Masters student at University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. I am conducting a research report on waste management, centred on separation at source programmes and waste practices in the Elizabeth Fry Village (EFV) residential area. The purpose of my research is to explore how people understand and define waste and whether this shapes the waste practices in their households. The findings of this research hope to be expressed at a higher level of management to increase participation in sustainable waste management programmes. To assist with the research I would like to kindly invite you to participate in this study by taking part in a short interview.

The aim of the interview is to:

- Understand how residents conceptualise waste
- Understand what influences residents' waste behaviours and practices
- Analyse the influences on participation in recycling and separation at source
- Understand what can be done to improve waste management in EFV

The interview will take approximately 20 minutes. Your participation is entirely voluntary, you will not be penalised for not participating and you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. If there are any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering, please inform me and we may proceed to the next question or you may feel free to withdraw from the interview. There will be no payments for participation. No identity (i.e. names) of participants will be disclosed and your identity will be protected by the use of pseudonyms or numbering.

For increased accuracy, this study will include audio recording of interviews between the researcher and participants. Only I, Tadiwanashe Dune will listen to the recordings.

Your name will not be associated with the recording or the transcription interview. In addition, photographs will be taken and of waste.

These images will be used:

- As a record of the research being conducted
- To supplement the results and findings of this research and included in a written research report

I, Tadiwanashe Dune will take all the necessary steps to ensure these recordings and images are used only for the academic purposes they are intended. All recordings and photographs will be kept on a password protected computer and when the research is complete, all information and data will be disposed of. A copy of the completed Masters Research Report will be provided to all residents who request one and shared with PIKITUP.

Please feel free to contact me for any information or any questions. Please find a formal letter from my supervisor attached.

Kind Regards,

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