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Participant Information and Consent Statement

Project Title:

How Manufacturers Manage Revit Families: A Study on BIM Object Creation, Data Accuracy, and Supply Chain Accessibility

Researcher:

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Diane Butterworth Ltd (Founder)

You are invited to take part in a short, anonymous survey that forms part of both my academic research and wider industry study.

This survey contributes to my Master's dissertation in Building Information Modelling, undertaken as part of a postgraduate programme. In addition, the findings may inform future industry tools and services developed by Diane Butterworth Ltd — a company specialising in Revit Family creation and BIM support for manufacturers and fit-out contractors.

Purpose of the Research

The aim of the research is to explore how manufacturers create, manage, and share Revit Families. Your responses will help identify current industry practices, uncover challenges, and highlight opportunities for improving the quality and accessibility of BIM objects.

Who Can Take Part?

Participants must work for a company that produces at least one Revit Family for a fixed product range used in commercial construction projects (including FF&E, architectural, or MEP components).

What Will Participation Involve?

- The survey contains 10 questions and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.
- You will not be asked to provide your name, company name, or any other identifying information.
- Your responses are completely anonymous.

How Will the Data Be Used?

- Data will be analysed for academic purposes as part of my MSc dissertation.
- It may also be included in future business publications, reports, or tools created by Diane Butterworth Ltd to support the wider BIM community.
- No individuals or companies will be identified in any published results.
- All data will be stored securely and handled in accordance with GDPR.

Voluntary Participation and Right to Withdraw

Participation is entirely voluntary. By completing the survey, you are providing your informed consent for your responses to be used for both academic and business research purposes.

You may stop the survey at any point by closing your browser window — no responses will be recorded unless the survey is submitted.

This research is being carried out as part of my MSc in Building Information Modelling and Project Collaboration at the University of Derby. The academic supervisor is Dr. Boris Ceranic (b.ceranic@derby.ac.uk). All data collected will remain anonymous, stored securely, and handled in line with the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR. Anonymised results may be used in future academic or industry publications. Data will be retained securely for up to 7 years.

By completing the survey, you are giving your informed consent for your responses to be included in this research. You may withdraw at any point before submitting the survey, or request data removal within 14 days of participation by contacting me at hello@dianebutterworth.com

Prize Draw (Optional)

If you would like to be entered into the prize draw to win a Bose Portable Speaker, please email hello@dianebutterworth.com with the subject line 'Survey Complete'.

Your email address will not be linked to your survey responses and will only be used to contact the prize winner.

Thank you for taking part in this research — your input helps shape the future of digital construction tools and industry practices.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at hello@dianebutterworth.com

Yours sincerely,

Diane Tocco