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Appendices

Appendix A

A.)

- 1.) Could you tell me who you currently live with?
Don't need to mention names
- 2.) Tell me about the house you are currently living in.
Area [urban/rural], length of residency, type of house, family home/couples home
- 3.) Why did you move to this house and area?
Are there aspects of the house/area that represent your values?
Was there something about the house/area similar or different to previous houses that influenced your choice to live there?

B.)

- 4.) How do you feel about your current house?
Would you say you are emotionally attached to the house?
Does a sense of ownership affect this attachment?
- 5.) Why do you feel this way about your house?
What makes it different from other houses?
- 6.) Does this attachment apply to the whole house or are there particular rooms you feel more attached to?
(Due to, for example, happy memories within a particular room.)
Do you have a favourite part of the house? Why this part? What do you do here?
- 7.) How does your house make you feel about yourself?
Are there aspects of the house you are proud or ashamed of?
Are there aspects of the house you wish to improve? How would you feel about the house if these improvements were made?
- 8.) Tell about other houses you have lived in and how your feelings of attachment differ or are the same as those you hold about your current house.

C.)

- 9.) Tell me about any DIY projects you have carried out on your property?
(Motives, type of project undertaken)
- 10.) Did you and your partner have equal input in the decisions regarding the project?
- 11.) Was the project a success?
Did you achieve your aim?
- 12.) Has the project changed the way you feel about your house?
(Has it increased/decreased attachment to the house?)
- 13.) In what ways do you feel that the DIY undertaken has made your house more manageable?
(Has the DIY affected to ease to which you can complete daily tasks?)

D.)

- 14.) Does your house reflect certain things about you and your partner?
(Would you say, for example, that the décor in a certain room reflects aspects of your personality?)
- 15.) Would you say there is anything about your house that makes it distinctive from other houses? How is this important to you?
- 16.) Has the recent DIY project increased this reflection of your identity?

E.) (*Only if not covered in previous answers*)

17.) Could I just take a few personal details?

- Age
- Ethnic background
- Marital status and time together
- Number of children and gender
- Current house: first house/for rest of life/planning on moving

Appendix B

Participant Number	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Length of residency	Owned/Rented property	Type of House	Ethnic Background	Children
1	F	22	Been in current relationship 2 years	3 months	Rented	Basement flat	White British	No
2	F	20	Recently married (been together 3 years)	3 years	Rented	Annex built onto another house	White British	No
3	F	26	Married for 7 years	2 years	Rented	?	White British	1 daughter
4	F	19	N/A (lives with friends)	3 months	Rented student house	Terrace house	Caucasian	No
5	F	22	Been in current relationship 3 years	6/7 months	Rented	Semi-detached	White British	1 son
6	F	33	Current relationship: 3 years	5 months	Rented	Ground floor flat	White British	No
7	F	34	Married for 5 and half years	6 years	Owned	Semi-detached house	White British	No

8	M 20	Current relationship: 4 years	6 months	Rented student house	Converted bungalow	White British	No
9	F 21	Current relationship: 3 and half years	Just over a year	Rented	Third floor studio flat	South African	1 son
10	M 45	Married 2 and half years	2 and half years	Owned	Bungalow	White British	4 sons, 1 daughter, 1 step-daughter

Appendix C

Participant Brief

My name is Megan Heast and I am an undergraduate Psychology student at the University of Plymouth.

I am investigating the idea of how people become attached to places and identify themselves in terms of those places. I am particularly interested in attachment to the home and how DIY may affect this attachment. I am investigating how attachment is achieved or affected by couples completing DIY work together.

I will be conducting an interview which will last between 20 and 45 minutes. With your permission I would like to audio record the interview and I may also take notes. The interviews will then be transcribed for analysis. In order to collect reliable results it is appreciated if you speak as openly and honestly as possible about your experiences. Your answers will be kept confidential and anonymous; no papers available in the public domain will contain personal details (i.e. names, location etc). The data collected will be seen only by me and my supervisor.

You have the right to decline to answer any of the questions if you so wish and may ask me any questions during and after the interview. You have the right to withdraw at any point after the interview. Details of how to contact me are on the sheet which I will give you at the end. If at any point you do decide to withdraw, your results will no longer be used in the research and will be destroyed. Your participation number is

. Please contact either myself or my supervisor if you have any queries or would like to know the results of the research. Thank you for taking part.

Appendix E

Participant Debrief

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