



Consent Form

STUDY TITLE: Good germs, bad germs. A participatory model for mapping the domestic microbiome.

RESEARCHER DETAILS: Dr Jamie Lorimer (principal investigator)

PURPOSE OF STUDY: There is growing popular and policy interest in the microbiome (the microbial life in, on and around us), and the possibilities of more nuanced or 'probiotic' ways of living with germs. But the everyday invisibility of microbial life can make it difficult to comprehend. To date there has been limited public engagement with advances in the science and technology of metagenomics (the sequencing of genetic material taken from the environment) and its potentially transformative means of representing the microbiome. This project aims to develop a 'participatory' model of metagenomics, in which project participants can cooperate on the surveying, design and interpretation of microbial maps of their kitchens. The wider aim is to explore the transformative potential of metagenomics for developing new understandings of domestic hygiene and associated behaviours.

DECLARATION:

	Participant to initial each box
1 I have read the information sheet, have asked questions and received satisfactory answers.	
2 I understand that this project has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee.	
3 I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw myself or my data at any time, without giving any reason, and without any adverse consequences.	
4 I understand who will have access to personal data provided, and that personal data will be stored according to the Data Protection Act.	
5 I consent to being audio recorded.	
6 I consent to being video recorded.	
7 I consent to having my photo taken.	
8 I agree that the information I give you can be used in reports and other material as long as people cannot recognise me in them.	



- 9 I understand that at the end of the project, a detailed record of the interviews and focus groups with all identifying information removed (including names and addresses) will be stored in research archives (including those of the UK Data Service) and that other registered researchers will be able to access this information.
- 10 I confirm that I am over the age of 16
- 11 I confirm that I have no mental or physical disorder that would affect my participation in this project
- 12 I understand that the findings from this research will be used in academic articles and conferences presentations
- 13 I understand how to raise concerns or make a complaint.
- 14 I agree to take part in the study.

Name of Participant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of researcher: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____