



## **Participant Information Sheet**

### **The title of the research project**

What's wrong with my crop. Using convolutional neural networks to identify crop defects.

### **What is the purpose of the questionnaire?**

To establish the usability of the web service created to identify crop defects.

### **Why have I been chosen?**

Anybody over the age of 18 is a suitable candidate.

### **Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to read. You can withdraw from participation at any time and without giving a reason, simply by closing the browser page. Please note that once you have completed and submitted your survey responses, we are unable to remove your anonymised responses from the study. Deciding to take part or not will not impact upon you in any way.

### **How long will the questionnaire/online survey take to complete?**

Less than 20 mins.

### **What are the advantages and possible disadvantages or risks of taking part?**

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, it is hoped that this work will aid in making the 'What's Wrong With My Crop' website easier to use.

### **What type of information will be sought from me and why is the collection of this information relevant for achieving the research project's objectives?**

The information gathered will be your opinions on the features and usability of the website. This will be relevant for improving the usability and adding additional features.

### **Use of my information**

Participation in this study is on the basis of consent: you do not have to complete the survey, and you can change your mind at any point before submitting the survey responses. We will use your data on the basis that it is necessary for the conduct of research, which is an activity in the public interest. We put safeguards in place to ensure that your responses are kept secure and only used as necessary for this research study and associated activities such as a research audit. Once you have submitted your survey response it will not be possible for us to remove it from the study analysis because you will not be identifiable.

The anonymous information collected may be used to support other research projects in the future and access to it in this form will not be restricted. It will not be possible for you to be identified from this data.

### **Contact for further information**

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Ryan Syme at [s5122732@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:s5122732@bournemouth.ac.uk)

#### *In case of complaints*

Any concerns about the study should be directed to contact Ryan Syme at [s5122732@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:s5122732@bournemouth.ac.uk)

.If your concerns have not been answered by Ryan you should contact Professor Tiantian Zhang, Bournemouth University by email to [researchgovernance@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:researchgovernance@bournemouth.ac.uk).

### **Consent to Participate (to be included as a consent statement as part of the online questionnaire):**

Please indicate that you have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet for this research project and that you consent to take part in this questionnaire before continuing:

☐ I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet and consent to take part in this questionnaire

☐ I do not consent to take part in this questionnaire [exit at this point]

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Please indicate your agreement for the Research Team to access and use your recorded responses to this questionnaire before continuing:

☐ I give permission for members of the Research Team to have access to my anonymised responses. I understand that my anonymised responses may be reproduced in reports, academic publications and presentations but I will not be identified or identifiable.