Issues in UK Higher Education

Brexit. TEF. Contextual Admissions.

Social Mobility

HE Policy

Admissions Challenges

Politics

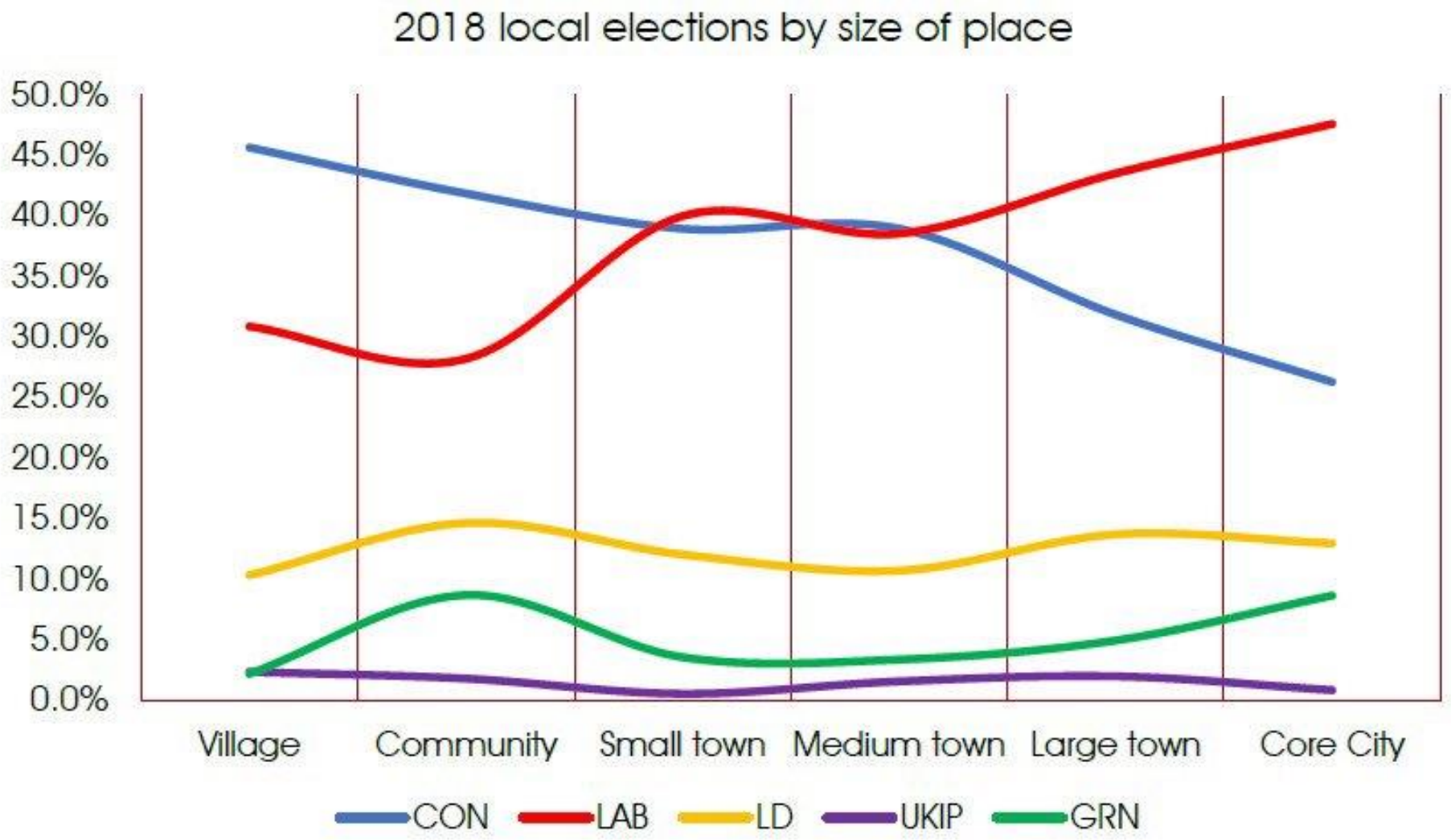

Figure 1, Vote share by place type, 2018 local elections

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Reform A-levels

Grammar schools

Sponsor a school

HE Policy.

Success as a Knowledge Economy:

Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice

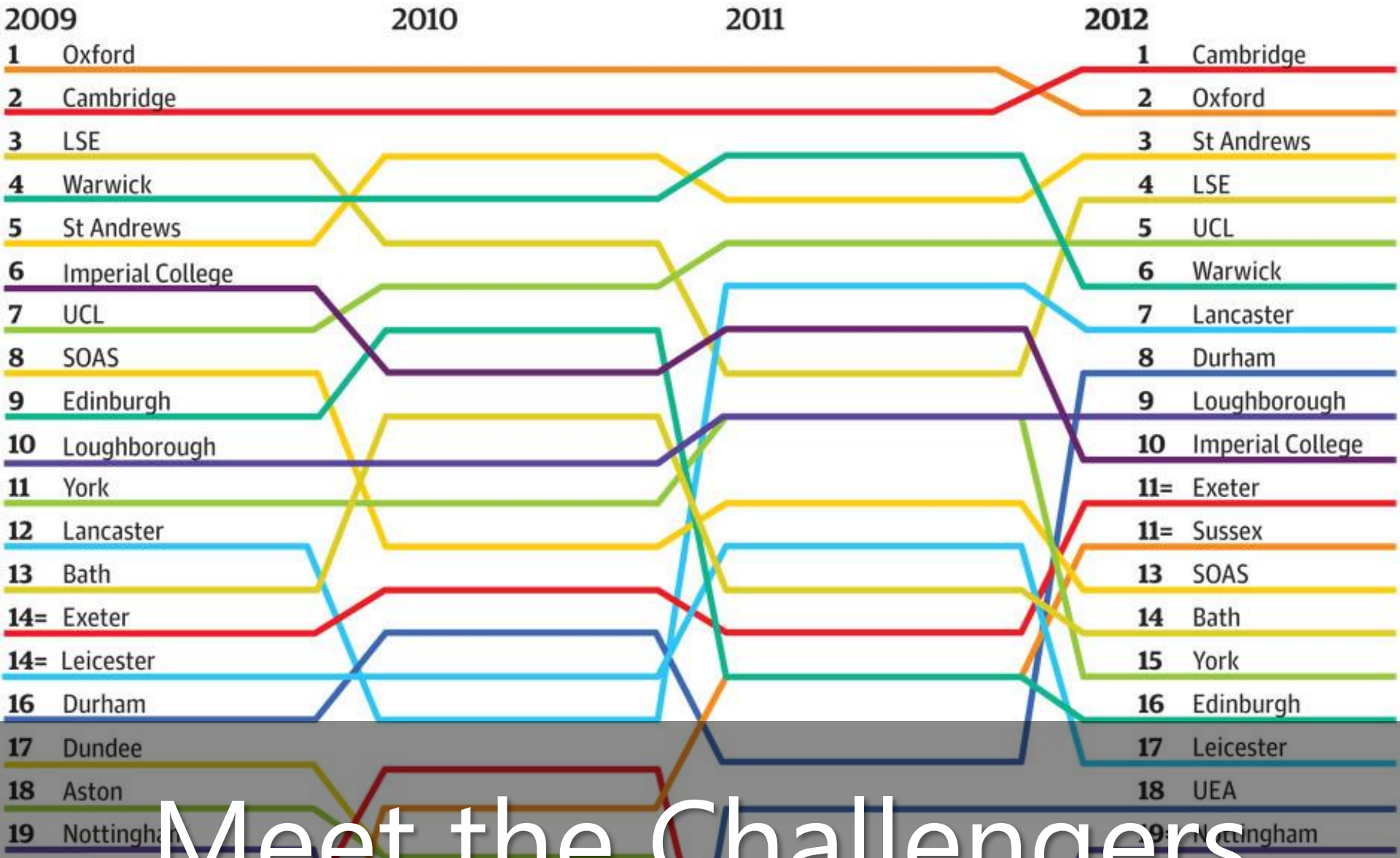
May 2016

Department for Business Innovation & Skills

The White Paper

1963	1992	201?
Robbins Report	**Further & Higher Education Act**	**Higher Education & Research Act**
‘Plate-glass’ universities founded	Polytechnics gifted university status	Private colleges gain fast-track to university status

Teaching Excellence Framework



Meet the Challengers

"Competition between providers in any market incentivises them to raise their game, offering consumers a greater choice of more innovative and better quality products and services at lower cost. Higher education is no exception."

"There is no compelling reason for incumbents to be protected from high quality competition."

- *Executive Summary, §7-8 Success as a Knowledge Economy)*

THE NEW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SOMERSET

Private, for-profit institution

Opens July 2019, immediately granted degree awarding powers

Offers Economics, Management and Computer Science

AAA entry criteria

THE NEW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SOMERSET

Teaching-only institution, with access to OfS Teaching Grants

Charges fees of £6000, with students able to take out loans from the government

Pitched as an 'exclusive' private university for exceptional students who want small class sizes

Offers two-year undergraduate degree courses

"We share the Government's desire to strengthen the UK's world-class higher education system. Russell Group universities deliver outstanding research hand in hand with excellent teaching – **this is central to the student experience they provide**."

- *Dr Wendy Piatt, Director General of the Russell Group*

"Courses are inflexible, based on the traditional three-year undergraduate model, **with insufficient innovation and provision of two-year degrees and degree apprenticeships.**"

- *Executive Summary, §5 Success as a Knowledge Economy*

• £9250	£9250	£9250

£6000	£6000

What would YOU choose?

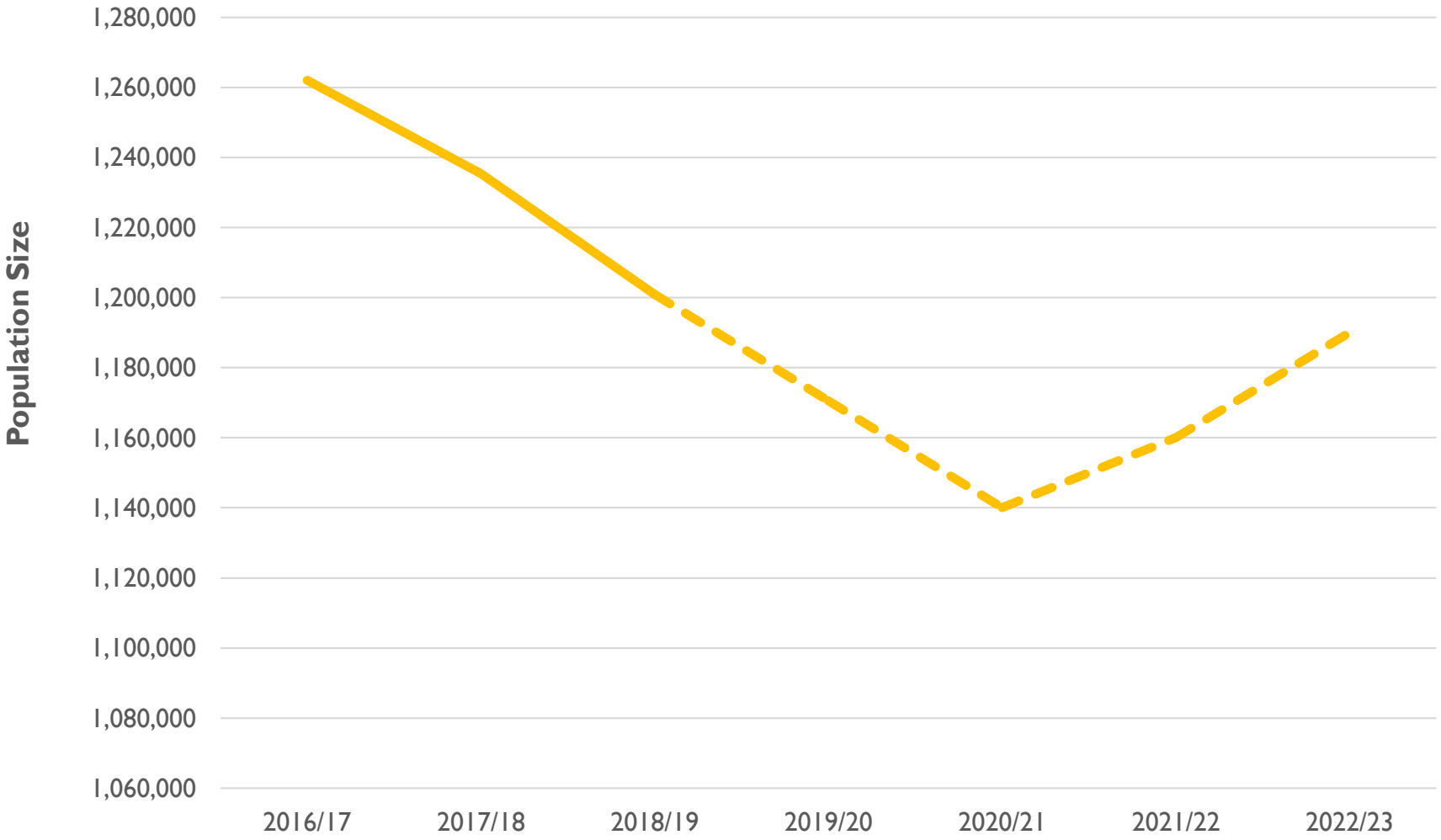
Transfer Window	No Fixed Abode	Strength in Numbers
Online system enables students to upload a transcript of their and upgrade to a better institution	Students pick and choose modules from a range of providers, with one institution acting as ‘owner’	Institutions club together by geography or type to offer a range of shared modules or portfolios

Merge
in turn
40

Admissions Challenges.

Recruitment

Population Numbers of Entry Cohorts based on predicted trends up to 2022/23



Ring Road
CYCLE RING ROUTE
Sheffield Univ
Hallamshire Hospital
CYCLE RING ROUTE
Mappin Street
Fargate
Law Courts

Widening Access

Robbin's Principle

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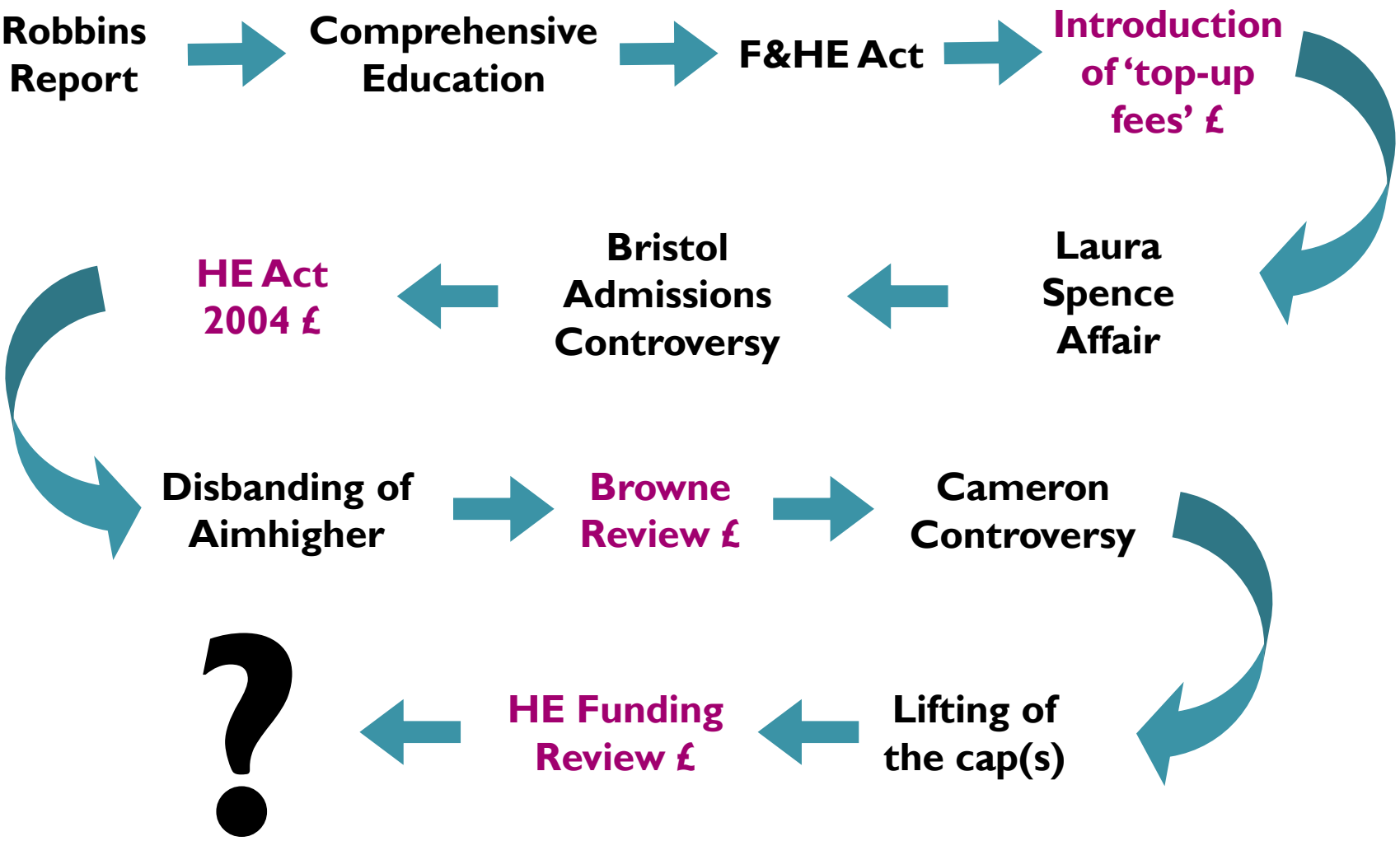
Robbins Report
Comprehensive Education
F&HE Act
Introduction of 'top-up fees' £
Laura Spence Affair
Bristol Admissions Controversy
HE Act 2004 £
Disbanding of Aimhigher
Browne Review £
Cameron Controversy
Lifting of the cap(s)
HE Funding Review £
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Social Mobility.

Robbin's Principle

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"Courses at Oxford and Cambridge should be available for all those who are qualified by ability and attainment to pursue them and who wish to do so."

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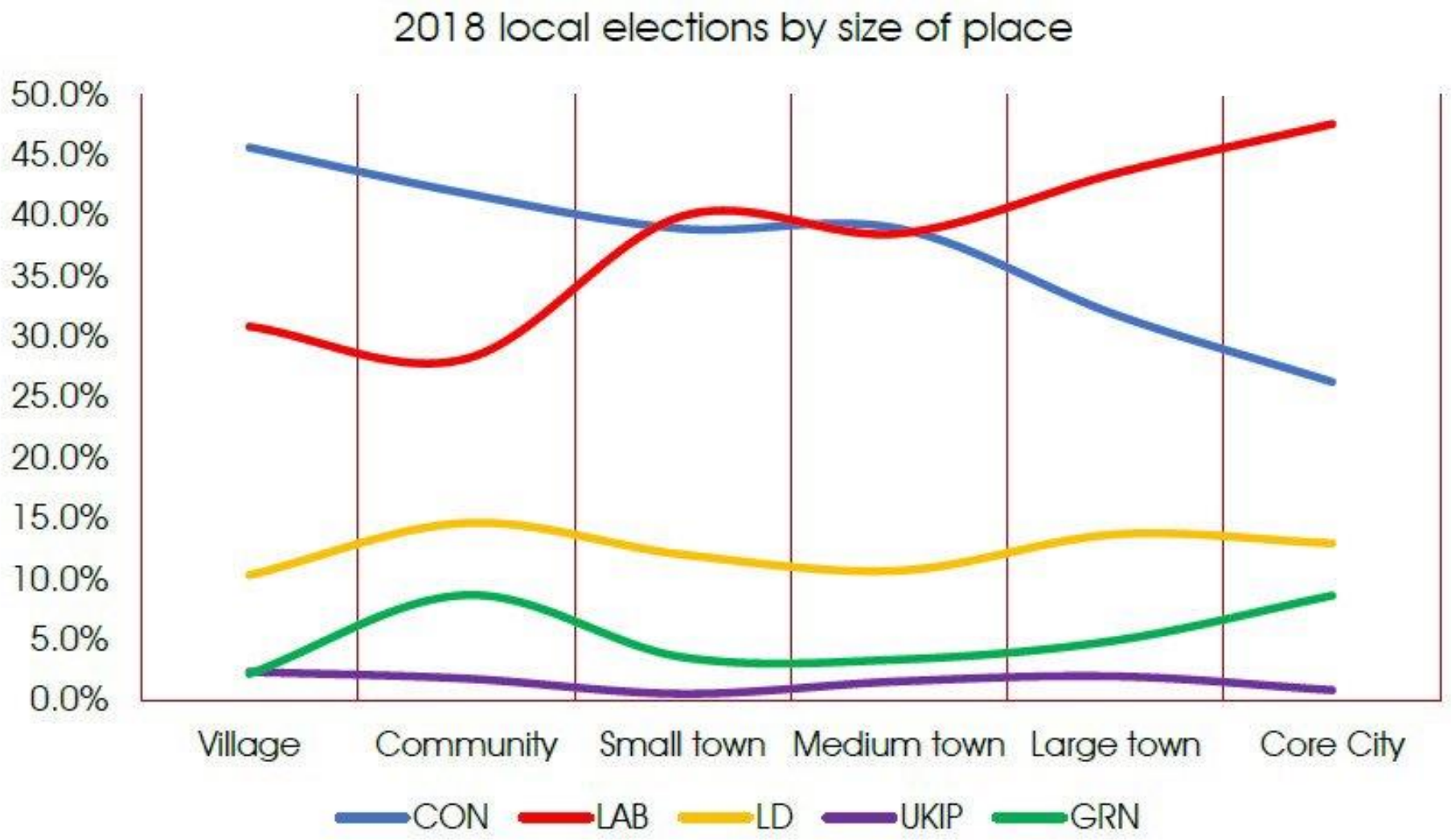
"Jobs in the professions should be available for all those who are qualified by ability and attainment to pursue them and who wish to do so."



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Widening Participation

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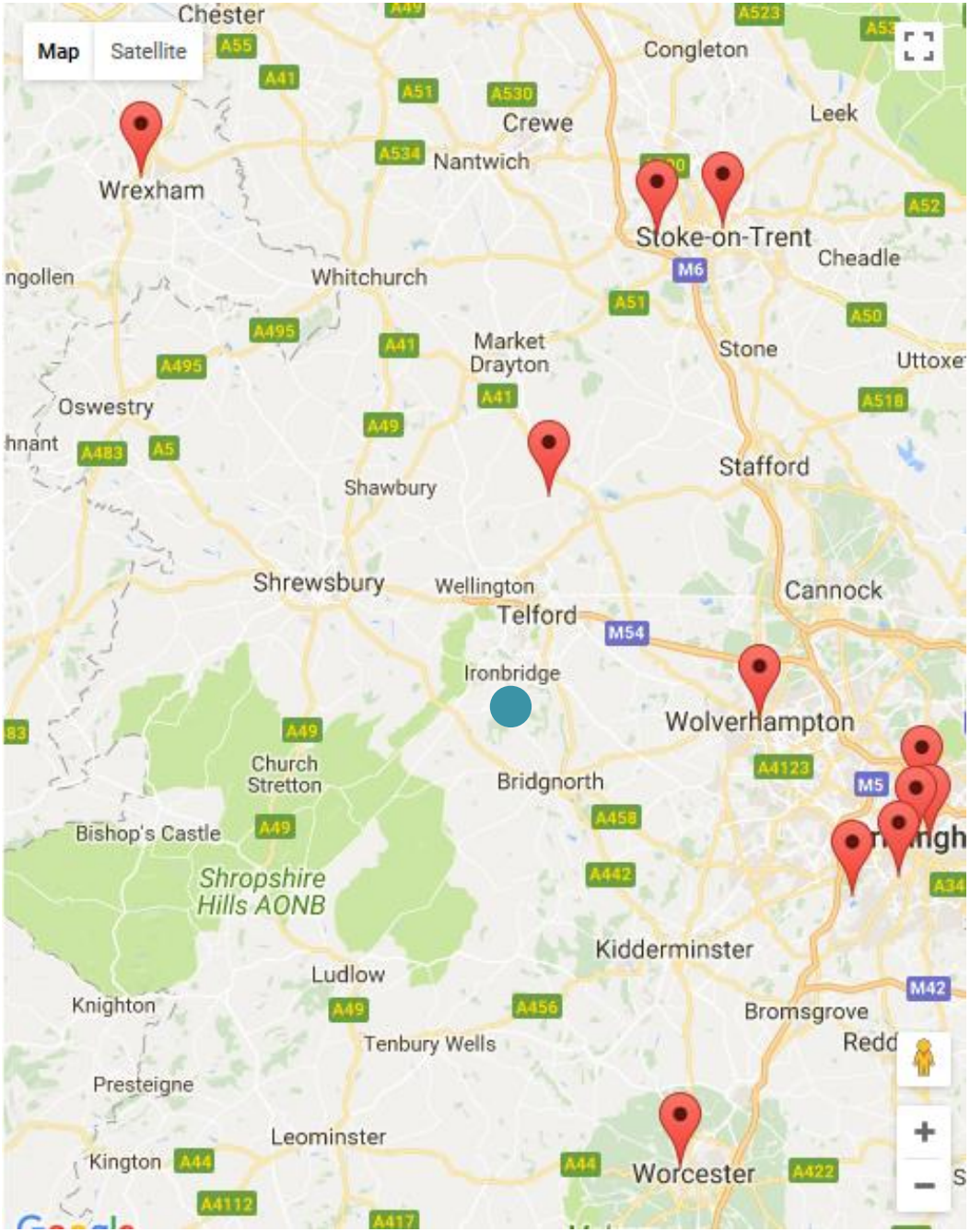
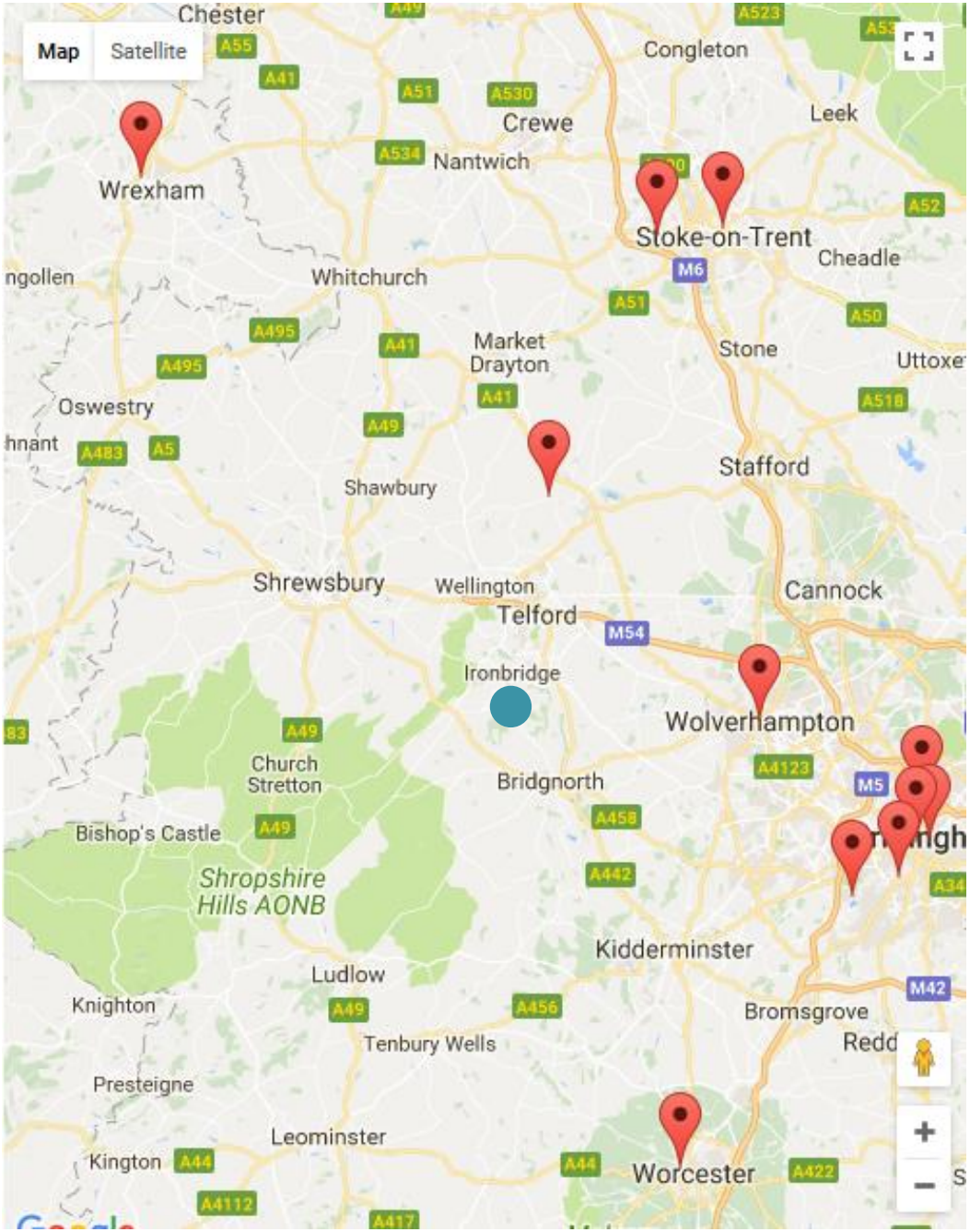
2x proportion of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds in HE



Broseley, Shropshire

- Population: 6000
- Young participation rate (Broseley): 31.5%
- Population with Level 4 (Shropshire): 30.8%
- Nearest University: Wolverhampton – 48 minutes
- Nearest ST30 University: Birmingham – 68 minutes

The Ironbridge, Broseley



Broseley, Shropshire

- 2017 Local Election Result:
  - Labour – 39%
  - Conservative – 61%

- 2013 Local Election Result:
  - Labour - 66%
  - UKIP - 22%
  - Conservative – 12%

- Referendum Result (Ludlow):
  - Remain – 43%
  - Leave – 57%

Robbin's Principle

"Courses of higher education should be available for all those in Broseley who are qualified by ability and attainment to pursue them and who wish to do so."

50% of all young people in Broseley to attend universities

2x proportion of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds in Broseley in HE

What do YOU think?

What is the labour market in Broseley (or the local area) like?

What mix of jobs does Shropshire have, or need?

What do Broseley residents think about having to leave their home, and their community, to access certain professions?

What do Broseley residents want for their future, from their job, or from life?

Who can answer these questions?

Thank you.

Any questions?