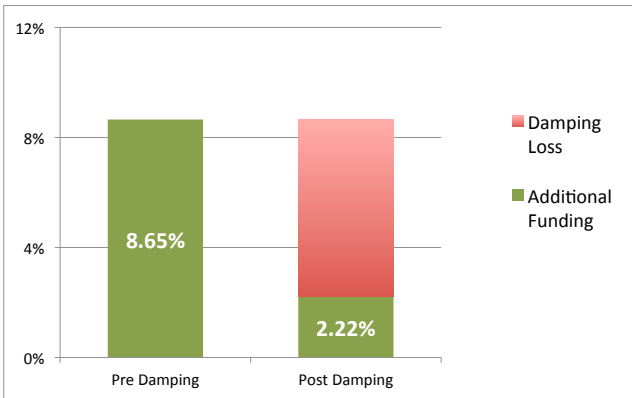


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Changes to funding attributable to Rural Services Technical Adjustments - Pre and Post Damping

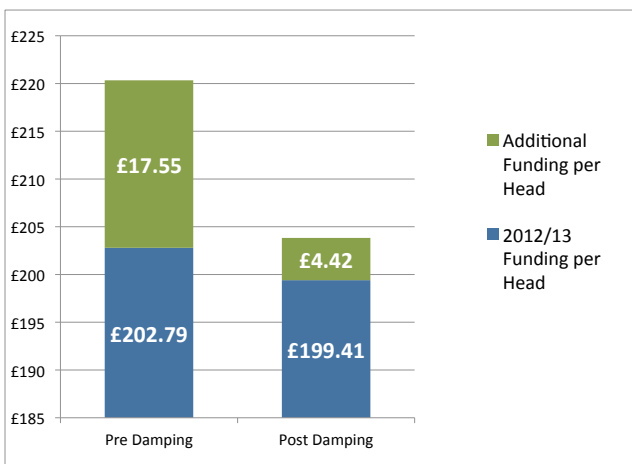


Wiltshire Exemplifications Data

|   | Pre Damping  | Post Damping | Difference  |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2012/13 Funding   | 94,304,630   | 92,732,534   |             |
| Impact of Rural Services Adjustment                             | 8,159,183    | 2,055,682    | <b>-75%</b> |
| 2012/13 Funding with Adjustment                                 | 102,463,813  | 94,788,216   |             |
| <b>Percentage change arising from Rural Services Adjustment</b> | <b>8.65%</b> | <b>2.22%</b> |             |

The graph and table show that Wiltshire would have had a pre-damping 8.65% increase in funding if the rural services adjustment had been implemented in 2012/13. However, damping would have reduced that gain arising from the rural service technical adjustment to 2.22%. Consequently, damping reduces the impact of the rural services technical adjustment by 75% for Wiltshire.

Impact of the changes attributable to Rural Services Technical Adjustments on Funding - Pre and Post Damping



The impact of the **positive** rural services technical adjustment and the subsequent **negative** impact of damping can be seen in this graph.

The pre-damping impact for Wiltshire is a funding gain of £17.55 per head. For this reason, we feel that it is important that Wiltshire supports the rural services technical adjustment in the consultation.

However, the post-damping impact for Wiltshire is a much reduced funding gain of £4.42 per head. For this reason, SPARSE Rural have called on the Government to find a way of ensuring that a greater proportion of the pre-damping gains arising from the rural services technical adjustment are realised as cash funding.

Impact of the changes attributable to Rural Services Technical Adjustments on Funding - Comparison with Nearest Urban Authority - post damping



Comparison of Impact of Technical Changes - Wiltshire v Bristol

In 2012/13, Wiltshire received £174.27 less funding per head than Bristol.

Prior to damping, the gains attributable to the rural services technical adjustment would have resulted in a closing of the gap between Bristol and Wiltshire to £167.86 per head. This is a significant improvement for rural areas and SPARSE Rural has welcomed the changes in the recent Business Rates consultation.

As shown above, the damping block significantly reduces the gains arising from the rural services technical adjustment. After damping the gap in funding between Bristol and Wiltshire increases to £166.34 per head.