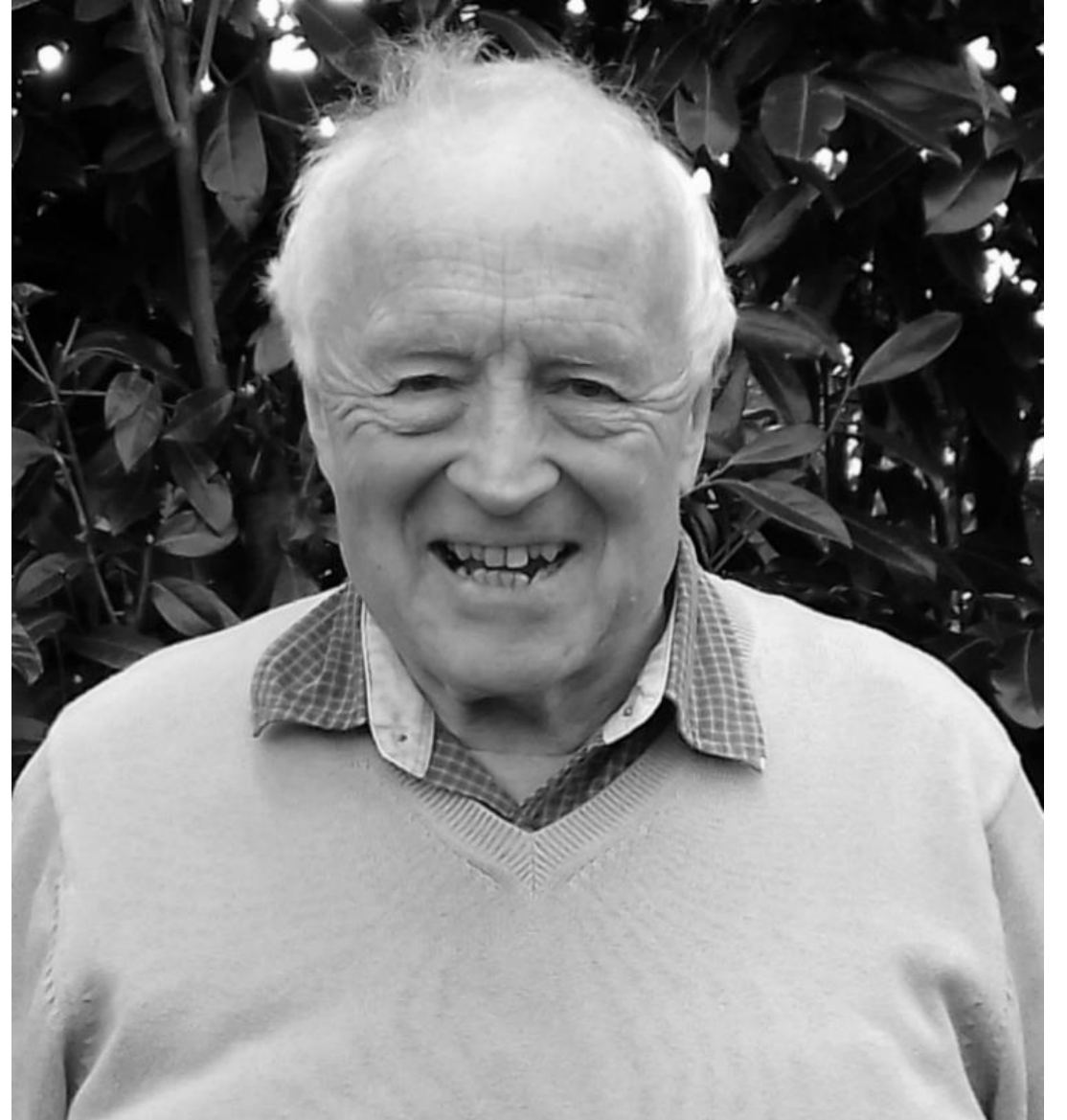




Fair Funding Campaign...where it all began



The Rural Services Network is fighting for a fair deal for rural communities, in all public sector funding



Rural Facts



Urban areas get 38% more in Government Funded Spending Power than rural areas.

Urban areas in 2023/2024 will receive some 38% (£135) per head in Government Funded Spending Power more than their rural counterparts




Rural Residents pay on average £110 per head more in Council Tax

Rural residents will pay on average, 20% (£110) per head **more** in Council Tax than their urban counterparts due to receiving less Government Grant

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Rural rebellion: MPs demand fairer funding

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MORE than 100 petitions calling for fairer rural funding have been presented by MPs to the government.

The cross-party group of MPs formally presented petitions from 119 rural constituencies to the government on Monday (4 November).

It is thought to have been one of the largest such petitions ever gathered. The documents will now be passed to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

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Rural MPs push government for fairer funding

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MPs press the case for a fairer funding settlement for rural local authorities during a House of Commons debate on Thursday, 10 October 2013.
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The Rural Services Network has been campaigning for fair funding for local authorities for a number of years, supporting MPs with information and statistics to understand the approach of Government to rural areas.



Fair Funding Campaign Timeline

July 2012 –

Government issues technical consultation which includes exemplifications (based on the 2012/13 formulae) showing the impact of proposed changes to sparsity weighting in the formulae. The exemplifications show a significant redistribution in favour of rural areas

Dec 2012 –

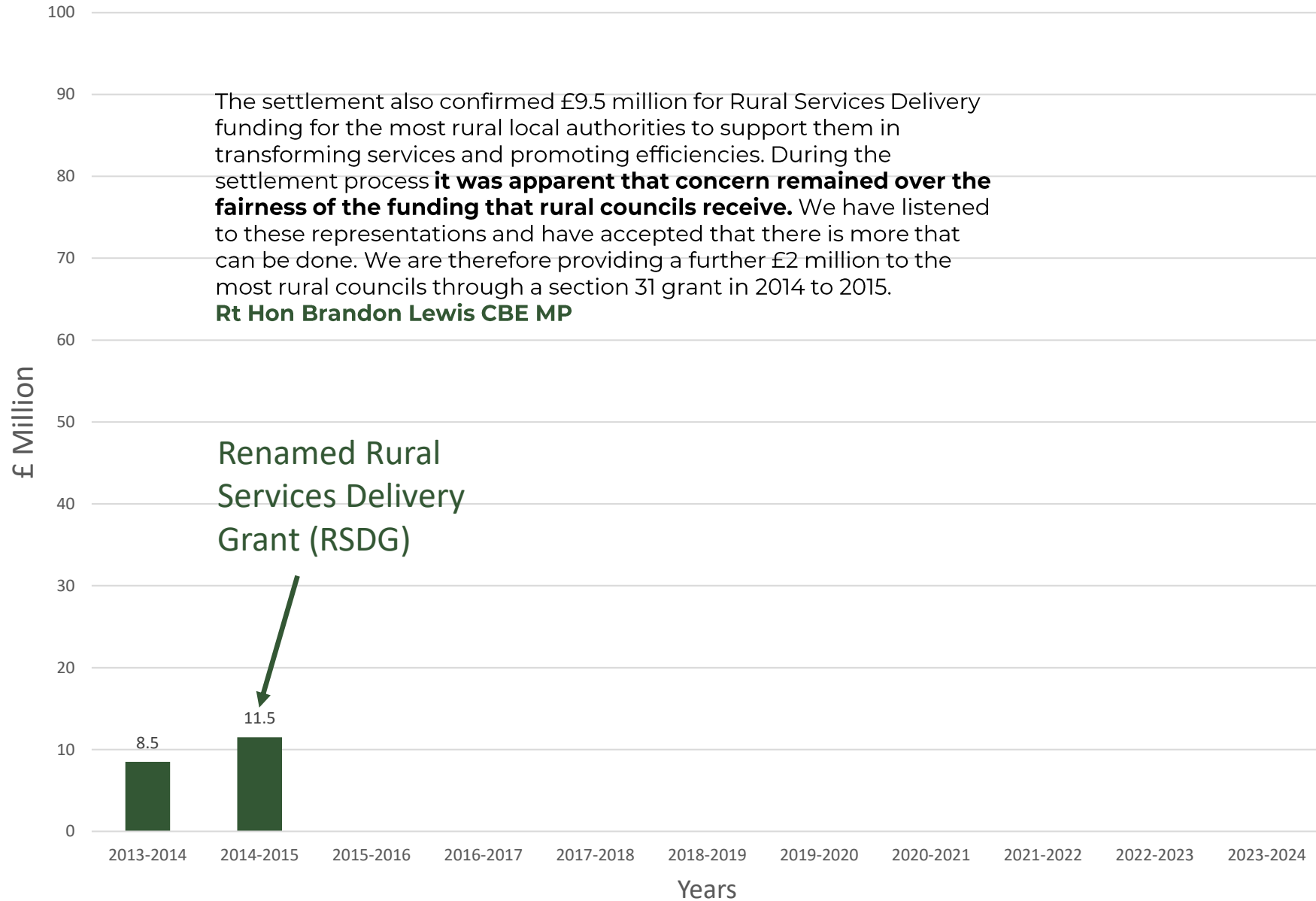
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Chart to show progression of Rural Services Delivery Grant



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Fair Funding Campaign Timeline

Summer 2014 –

DCLG/Defra undertook a joint study on the additional cost of rural services. This study looked at 30 authorities including rural and urban across a number of local government services.

Dec 2014 –

As part of the provisional settlement, the Government publishes the results of the study into the additional cost of rural services. They concluded:

“Several drivers for additional rural costs were identified in the research including the small size of rural authorities, scattered and remote populations, lack of private sector providers and poor broadband and mobile coverage in rural areas.”



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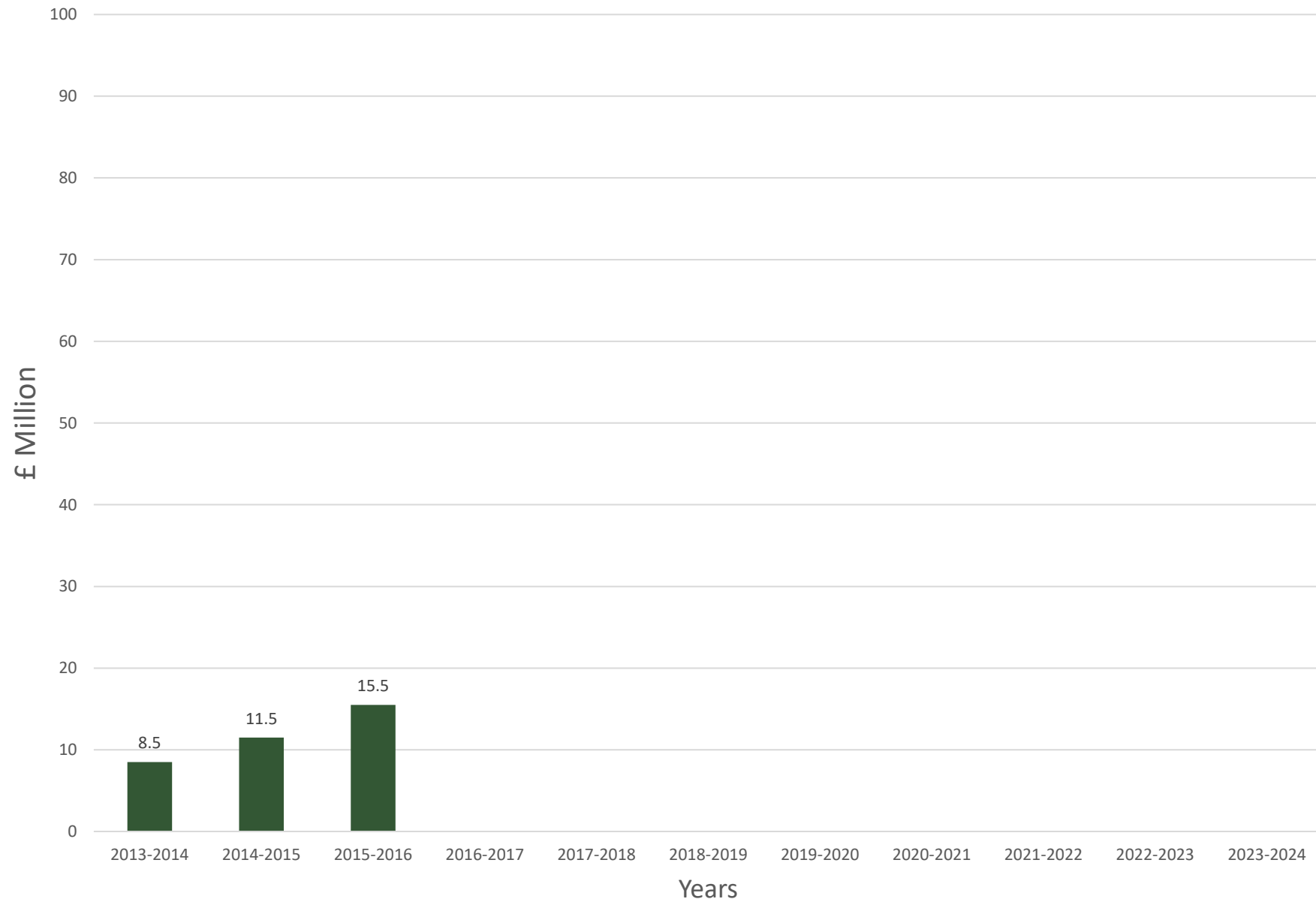
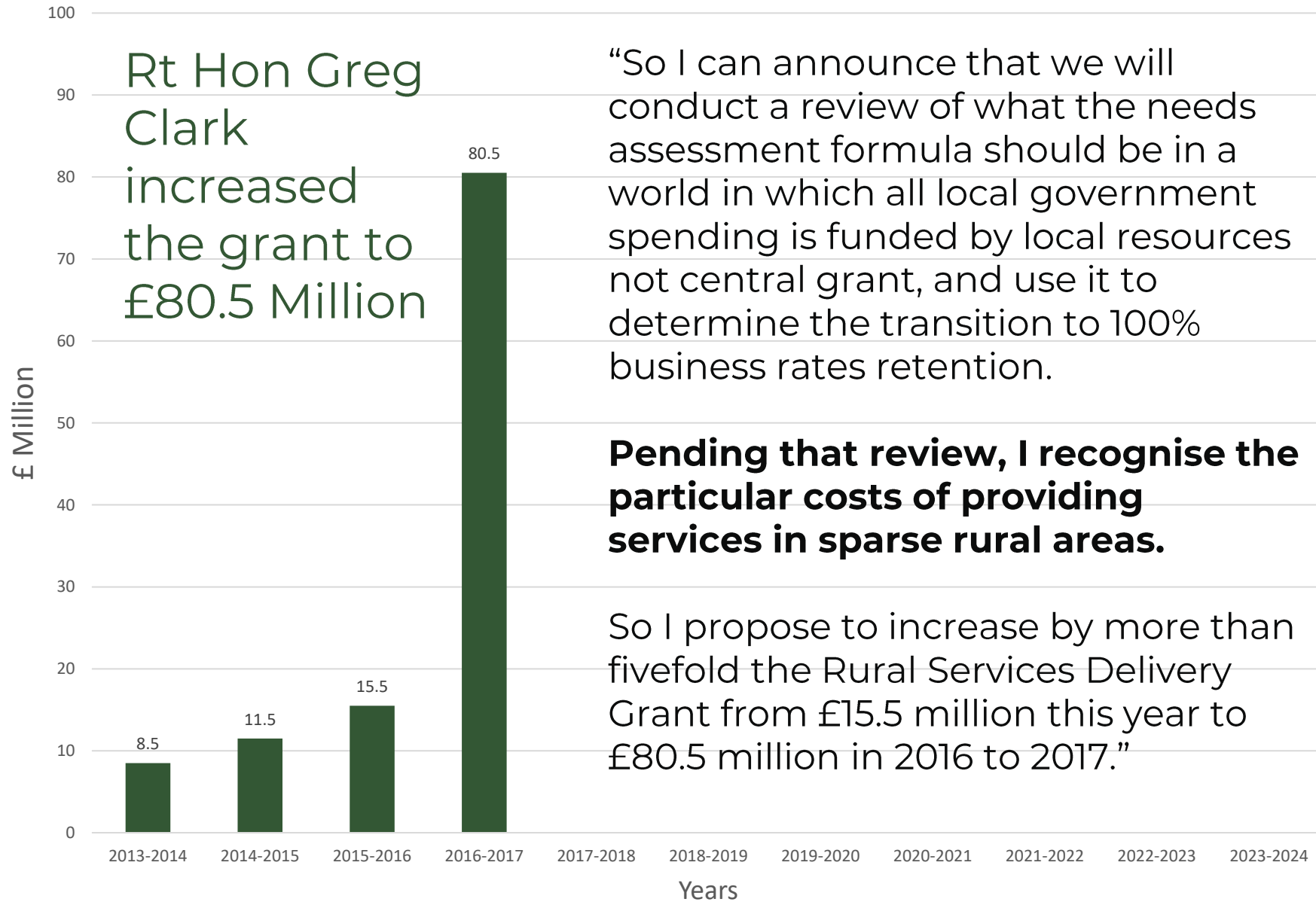


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Rt Hon Greg Clark increased the grant to £80.5 Million

“So I can announce that we will conduct a review of what the needs assessment formula should be in a world in which all local government spending is funded by local resources not central grant, and use it to determine the transition to 100% business rates retention.

Pending that review, I recognise the particular costs of providing services in sparse rural areas.

So I propose to increase by more than fivefold the Rural Services Delivery Grant from £15.5 million this year to £80.5 million in 2016 to 2017.”

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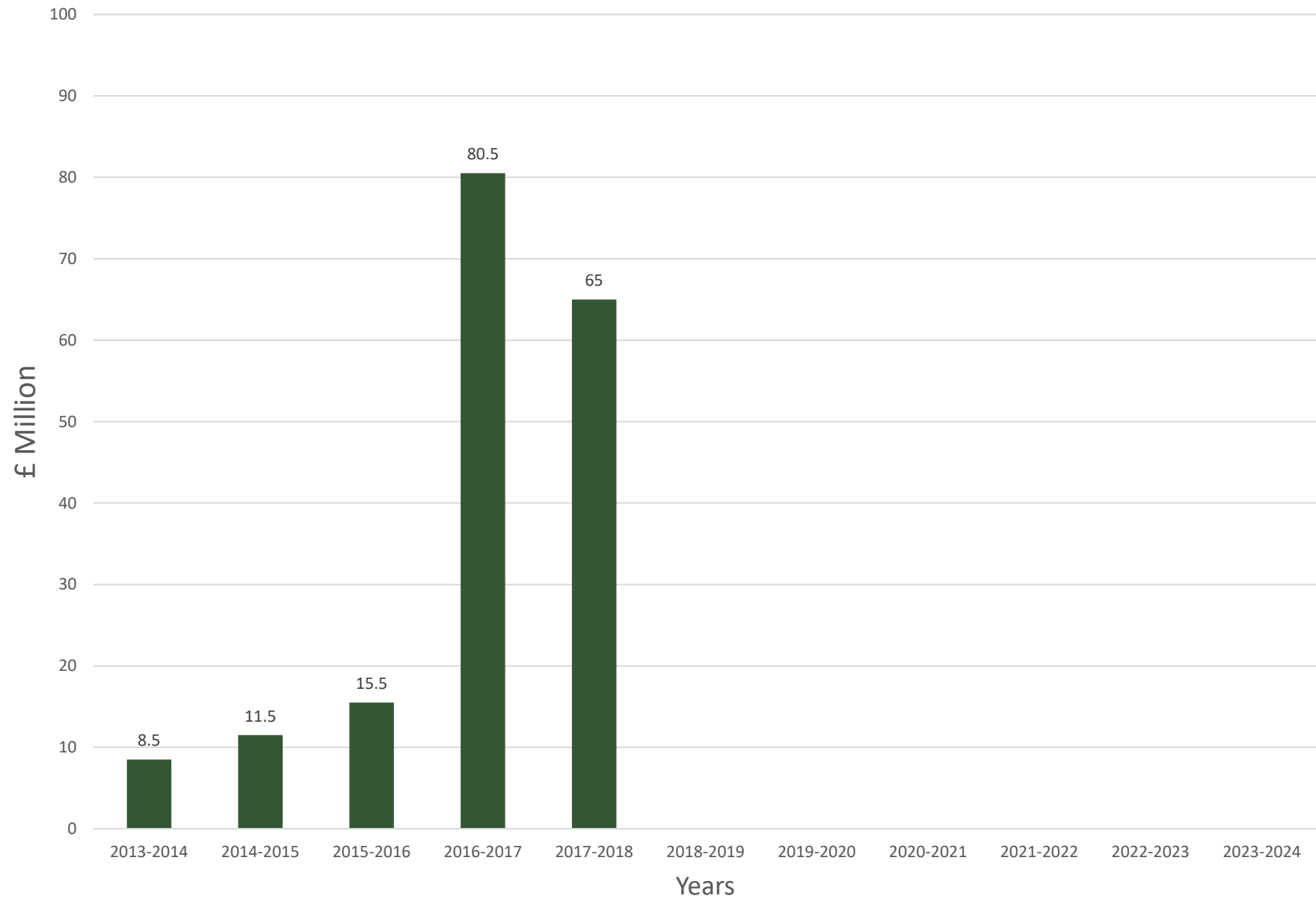
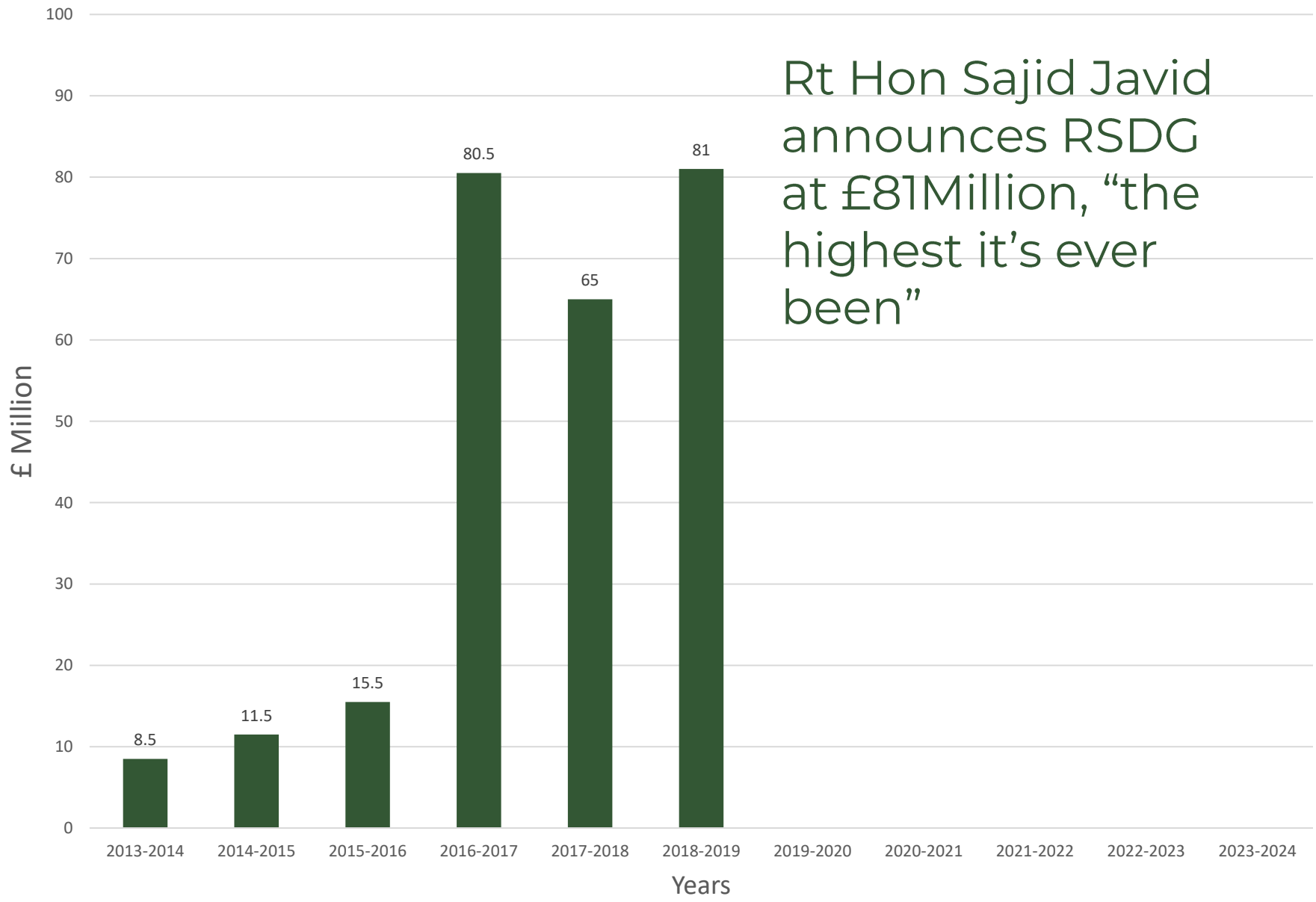


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Rt Hon Sajid Javid
announces RSDG
at £81Million, “the
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been”

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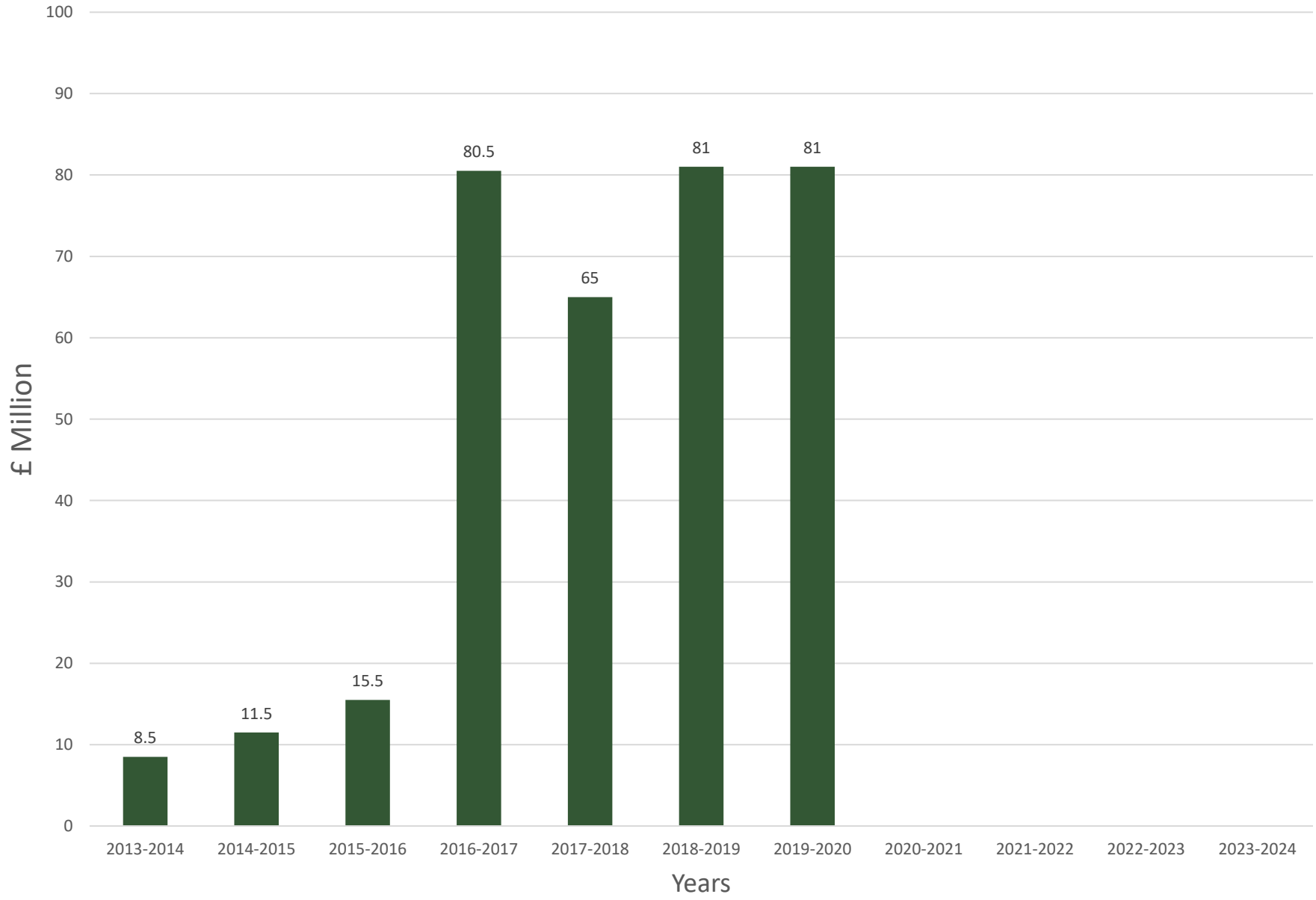


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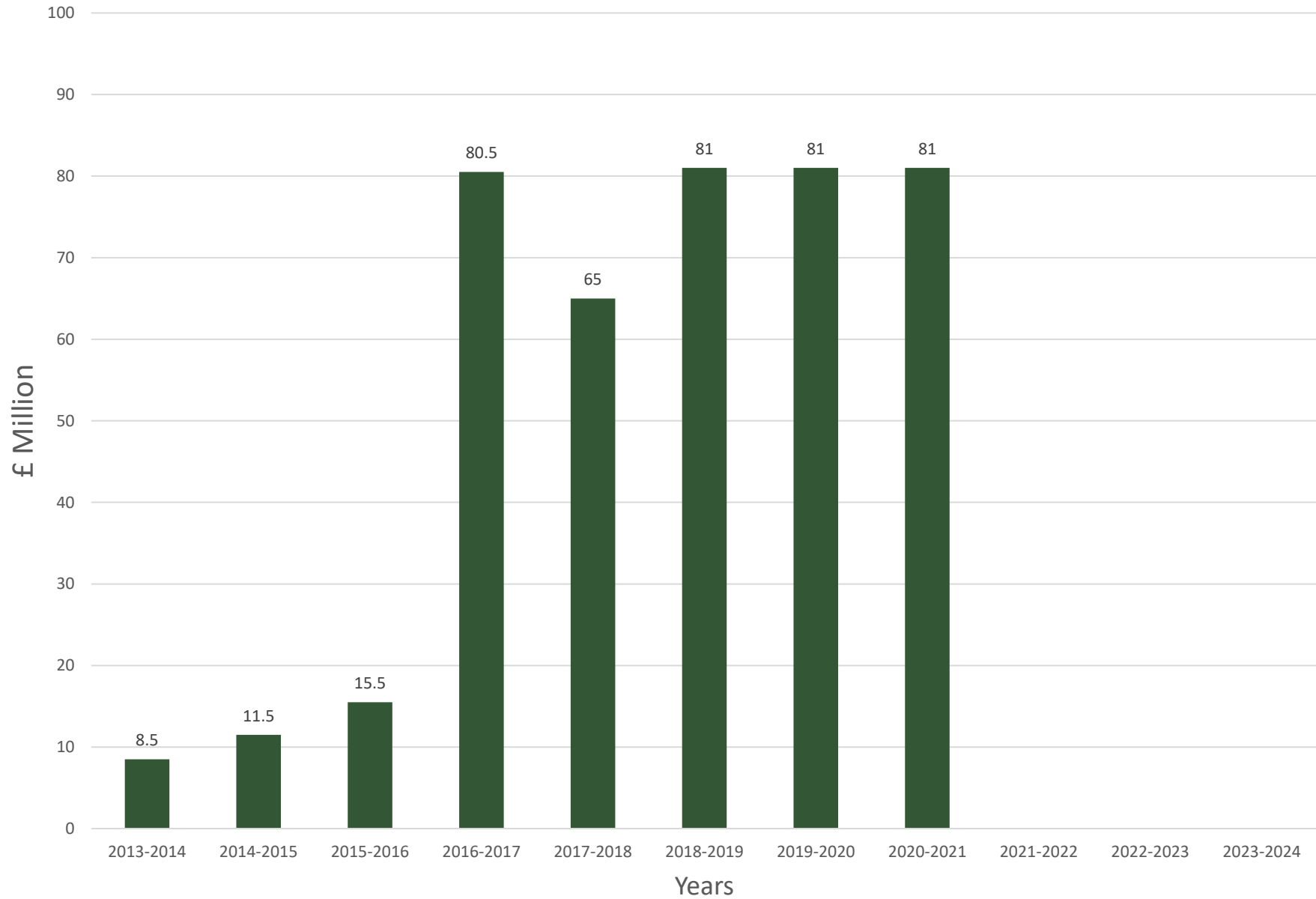


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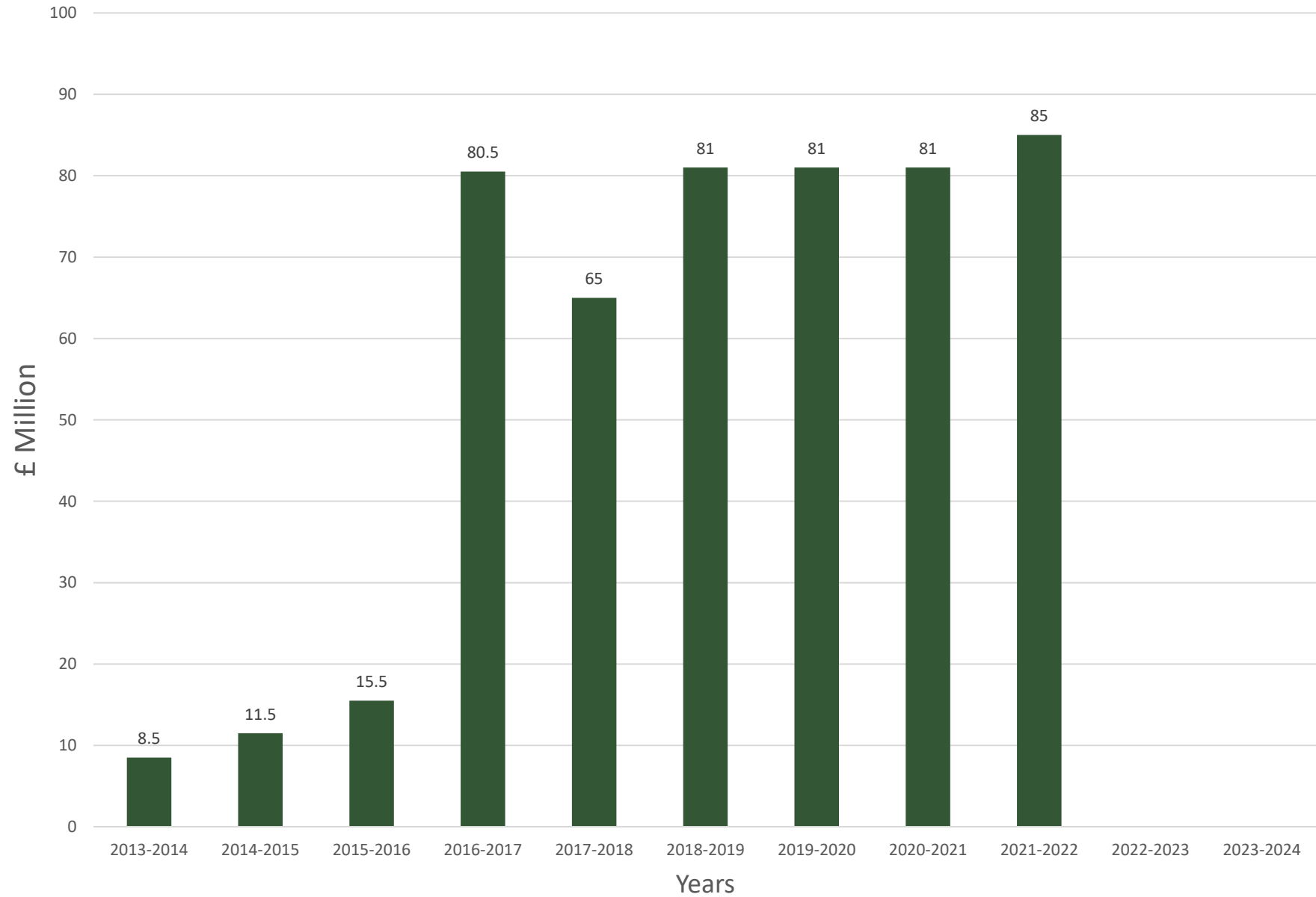
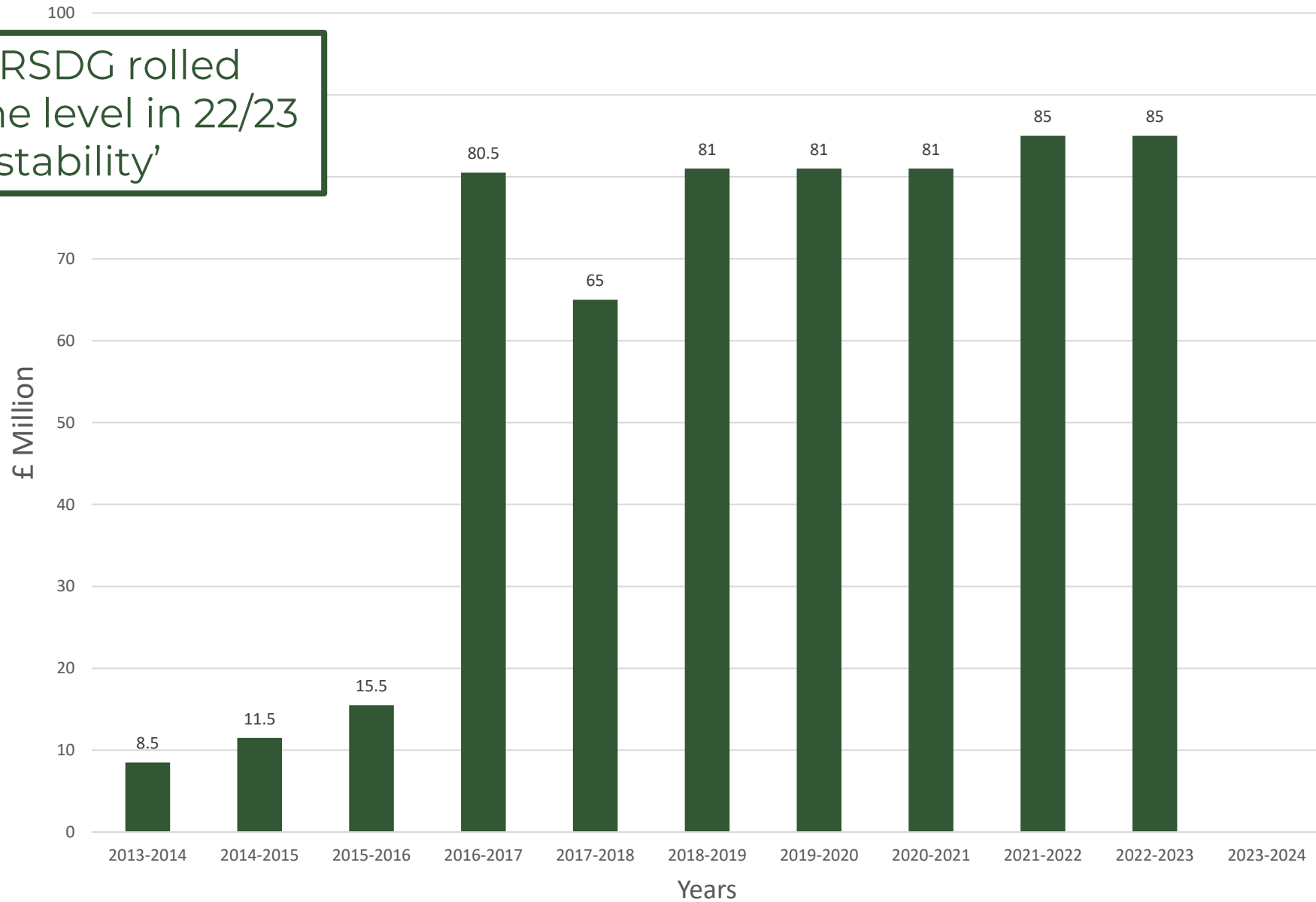


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Amount of RSDG rolled over to same level in 22/23 to 'provide stability'

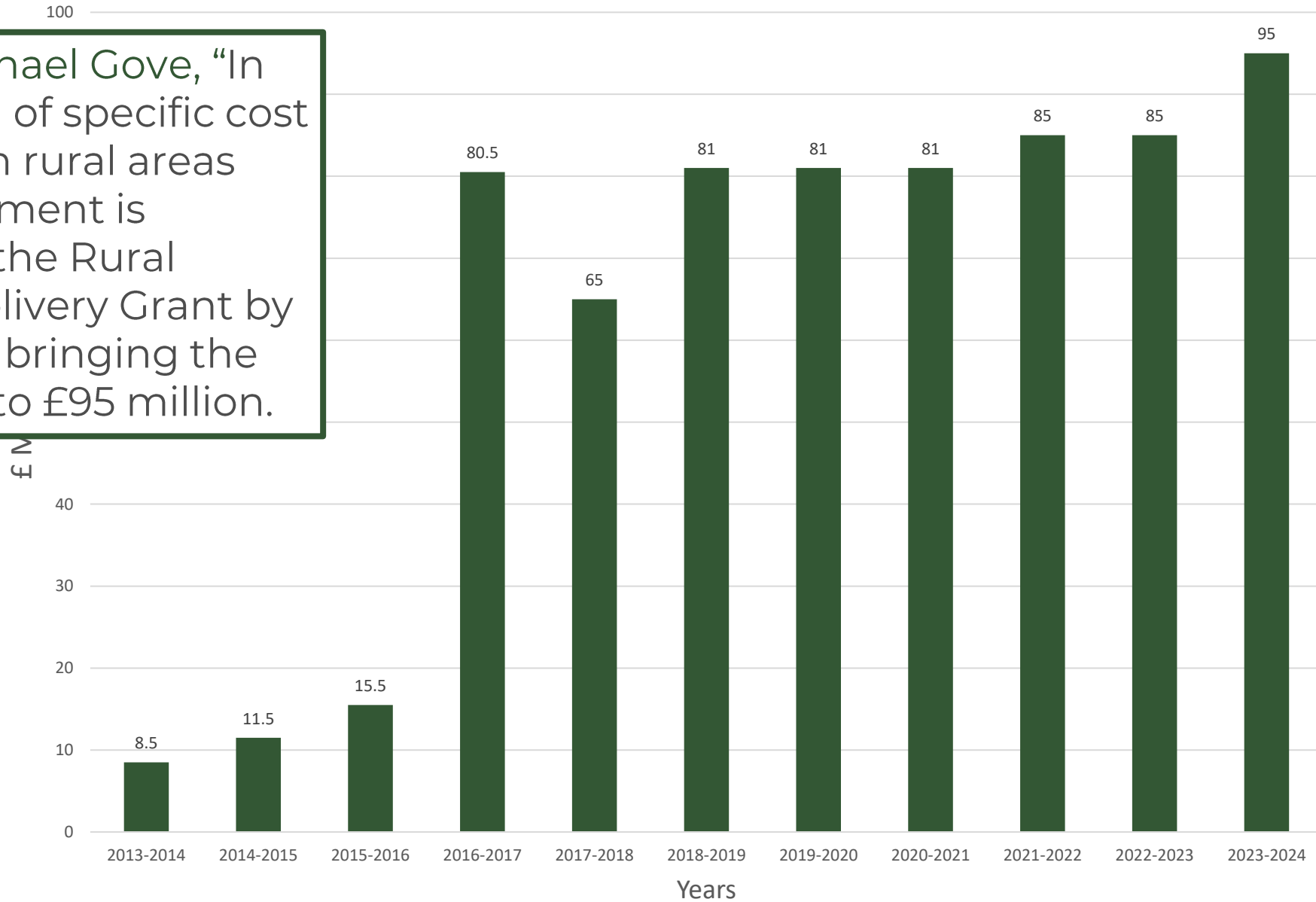


Between the provisional settlement and the final settlement this year, the Government increased Rural Services Delivery Grant by £10 Million to £95 Million



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Rt Hon Michael Gove, "In recognition of specific cost pressures in rural areas the Government is increasing the Rural Services Delivery Grant by £10 million, bringing the total value to £95 million."



Government investment in rural councils for Rural Services Delivery Centres

£689 Million for the most sparsely populated rural councils in last 10 years



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Additionally, around a quarter of the gains identified in the 2013/2014 settlement were implemented which is thought to equal around £61.75 Million

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