

Ref	Date	Topic	Opinion before discussion agreement %	Opinion after discussion agreement %	
45	17th Feb 2020	Do we now have a clear view of the new Government's policies?	N/A	N/A	Change is coming, but direction remains unclear
44	20th Jan 2020	Two political Issues of the decade to come; Global Warming, UK Regional imbalance.	N/A	N/A	GW resolved by technology & popular will. Infrastructure devt alone unlikely to resolve.
43	16th Dec 2019	The General Election - the Campaign, the result and longer term policy implications	N/A	N/A	Brexit the only near certainty. Other policies doubtful.
42	18th Nov 2019	Brexit and the General Election. Accountability for election promises.	N/A	N/A	No accountability on politicians for election promises.
41	21st Oct 2019	Brexit; the new deal and implications for the Union.	N/A	N/A	Extension predicted; Union not important politically.
40	30th Sept 2019	Supremacy of Parliament; possible outcomes for Brexit before the Oct 31st deadline.	N/A	N/A	Parliamentary Supremacy implies further extension
39	16th Sept 2019	Brexit - the current impasse, conflicting will of the people, conflict over MPs failing to vote with their party, and discussion of the nature of democracy.	N/A	N/A	No apparent means to resolve the impasse.
38	19th Aug 2019	Brexit renegotiation, no confidence votes, second referendum, General election	N/A	N/A	Stalemate set to continue
37	15th July 2019	Is representative democracy effective in providing good government in the UK at the present time?	N/A	N/A	Concerns about representative democracy.
36	17th June 2019	Gender and Politics	N/A	N/A	Opportunity for all irrespective of gender is the goal.
35	20th May 2019	The collapse of democracy Qualities required for the position of PM	N/A	N/A	Concerns over future of political system in UK
34	29th April 2019 Extra	Electoral reform and current issues in British politics	N/A	N/A	Many problems, few solutions
33	15th April 2019	Political Clans; Questionnaire and discussion of LSE research	N/A	N/A	Consequences for political parties unclear
32	18th March 2019	Brexit; how have we got here and where are we going?	N/A	N/A	Impasse due to clash between democratic ideals. No clear direction.
31	18th Feb 2019	Documentary "Revolution in Ruins; the Hugo Chavez Story" The recent history of Venezuela.	N/A	N/A	Direct political appeal may be an effective political weapon?
30	21st Jan 2019	Film "I, Daniel Blake " Brexit snap poll	N/A	N/A	Divided opinions on welfare policies.
29	17th Dec 2018	Is there such a thing as the National Interest? If so can it be measured and how do we know what it is?	N/A	N/A	The phrase national Interest is rhetorical only. There is no sign of adequate political leadership emerging.
28	19th Nov 2018	Austerity and poverty; (Citizens rights and immigration - postponed); Brexit snap poll	N/A	N/A	Poverty can be addressed with political will
27	Extra meeting 29th Oct 2018	The financing of local government and the trend towards fewer authorities.	N/A	N/A	Future uncertain
26	15th Oct 2018	Populism; The rise of National Populism in Europe and its consequences	N/A	N/A	Concern over direction and consequences

25	17th Sept 2018	What is a "good Brexit?"	N/A	N/A	Views irreconcilable
24	20th Aug 2018	The consequences of leaving	N/A	N/A	Uncertain. Negatives seem clearer than positives
23	16th July 2018	Take Back Control." What does this mean? "Leaving and the consequences of so doing."	N/A	N/A	Very unclear White paper not the answer
22	18th June 2018	In the light of Brexit can a referendum become an integrated part of the UK political system? How can a political choice be made between the alternatives of staying in and leaving Europe?	N/A	N/A	Referendum not effective. Discussion shows decision is finely balanced.
21	21st May 2018	Now that women have achieved political equality, why is equality in other aspects of life so far behind?	N/A	N/A	Progress is gradual
20	16th April 2018	Given the continuing and seemingly unstoppable increase in Inequality in the UK, why has there not been a revolution?	N/A	N/A	There may be no political solution
19	19th March 2018	Education is wasted on the young?	N/A	N/A	Education is not wasted on anybody
18a 18b	16th Feb 2108 19th Feb 2018	Are demands on the public purse too high to be met by any acceptable taxation?	N/A	N/A	Recognition but no answer.
17a 17b	15th Jan 2018 19th Jan 2018	It is feasible and fair for the UK to implement Land Value Tax	N/A N/A	75% N/A	Qualified support for idea, but doubts about implementation
16a, 16b	15th Dec 2017, 18th Dec 2017	Localism as a Political Tendency	N/a	N/a	Little positive experience
14.1, 15.1	15th Oct 2017 20th Nov 2017	The voluntary sector; past present and future	N/a	N/a	Enlightening discussion
13.1	18th Sept 2017	What type of Second Chamber should the UK have?	N/a	N/a	Various alternatives reviewed
12.1	20th August 2017	It is now impossible for democratic government to be effective	31%	31%	General disagreement, and very limited agreement
11.1	17th July 2017	A Free Press is an essential form of protection of individual liberty in a democratic society	82%	85%	Strong agreement, with very little disagreement
10.1	19th June 2017	The UK political institutions Parliament and the Monarchy do not provide adequate safeguards for democracy especially in a hung Parliament.	41%	41%	Most opinions were some disagreement, and a small minority expressed strong agreement.
9.1	15th May 2017	The current UK tax system is not fit for purpose.	63%	71%	Opinions were broadly in agreement and moved toward more agreement as a result of the discussion
8.1	10th April 2017	The current UK political system of elected representatives in several Parliaments, unelected representatives and popular referenda in an unclear and ambiguous relationship is not an effective way to achieve a sovereign democracy.	60%	60%	Half the group were in agreement, and the other half were undecided or in disagreement - opinions diverse
7.1	20th March 2017	Current policies with respect to Housing are not working and need a major re-think. Subsidiary topic "Should there be a second referendum on Scottish independence?"	95%	95%	Main topic Near unanimity. Subsid topic diverse views.
6.1	20th Feb 2017	Current policies with respect to Education are not working and need a major re-think.	66%	78% %	Agreement strengthened, less diverse as result of debate
5.1	17th Jan 2017	Current policies with respect to the National Health Service are not working and need a major re-think	78%	75%	Strong agreement and some disagreement
4.1	19th Dec 2016	A modern democracy like Britain requires a coherent policy of redistribution of wealth and income	75%	78%	Strong agreement with moderate dissent
3.1	21st Nov 2016	Britain needs more Grammar Schools	35%	35%	Mainly Disagreement
3.2	21st Nov 2016	In Britain Local Government Matters	83%	83%	General Agreement

2.2	17th Oct 2016	To be Democratic Britain requires Proportional Representation	45%	45%	Diversified
2.1	17th Oct 2016	In Britain a referendum result should be binding.	55%	48%	Polarised
1.1	19th Sept 16	Britain is currently a democracy	50%	44%	Evenly divided