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A NOTE ON THE SOURCES

All of the following are located in the Harrow Local History Collection except where shown.

1. Microfilm collection of back copies of the following newspapers:

Pinner Gazette, November 1895 - 1899.

Harrow Gazette, 1894 - July 1921.

Harrow and Wembley Observer, April 1895 - 1898.

Harrow Observer, 1899 - 1934. (*Harrow Observer and Gazette* from summer 1921.)

Harrow and Wealdstone Press, 1894 - July 1897.

Middlesex Courier, 1894 - September 1897.

Hendon and Finchley Times, 1894 - 1934.

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Editions outside of these date ranges were referred to for extra information on Parliamentary and Middlesex County Council elections.

2. Minute books of the Harrow and Roxeth Labour Party, the Wealdstone Labour Party and the Wealdstone Independent Labour Party.
3. Harrow-on-the-Hill Urban District Council minute books, Wealdstone Urban District Council minute books and Hendon Rural District Council minute books.
4. Bound copies of the *Register of Electors* for the Harrow division of Middlesex for 1890-97, 1899-1905 and 1907-13. Each *Register* applied to the full calendar year, except for the 1895 *Register* which came into force on 30 November 1894 in time for the first elections to the new District Councils. The 'missing' *Registers* for 1889, 1898, 1906 and 1914-15 were accessed from the AncestryLibrary.com web site at Hendon Library. All of these *Registers* concluded with useful statistical data on the numbers of Parliamentary, County and Parochial electors in each polling district.
5. Scanned copies of the autumn *Register of Electors* for the Hendon division of Middlesex for 1918-1928, and the annual *Register of Electors* for 1929-1933, available at Hendon Library. These *Registers* did not contain statistical summaries: in order to confirm electorate figures a laborious examination of the appropriate section(s) of the *Register* was necessary, and minor counting errors can not be discounted.
6. *A Special Report of the General Purposes Committee upon Rectifications of Boundaries and Consequential Matters Arising in Connection with the First General Review of County Districts Under Section 46 of the Local Government Act 1929*, presented to a meeting of the Middlesex County Council, 30 June 1932. The *Report* contains various electorate data for the period between 1928 and 1932 and has been used when no other source was available. When electorate figures differed with those from other sources a comment is made in the footnotes.
7. Various editions of *Kelly's Directory* for the Harrow area.
8. *The Victoria History of the County of Middlesex*, Volume 4, eds. J.S. Cockburn and T.F.T. Baker, Oxford University Press, 1971.