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PINNER LOCAL POLL (1926)

In July 1926 a local poll took place in the Pinner Parish Council area. The issue was whether to **request conversion of Pinner Parish to Urban District status.**

Local government reorganisation to the north-west of London was a matter that many councils in Middlesex were considering from the mid 1920s to the early 1930s, no doubt brought about by the rapid growth of residential housing in what has come to be known as 'Metroland'. It was the need to efficiently serve this growing population that probably prompted Mr. John E. Clark, soon to become a Parish Councillor, to propose the following motion at a Parish Meeting on 12 July 1926.

That it is desirable that the Civil Parish of Pinner be converted into an Urban District area under the provisions of Section 57 of the Local Government Act 1888, and that application be made to the Middlesex County Council for an Order in accordance with such proposal.

After discussion and rejection of various amendments, the motion was carried on a show of hands by 68 votes to 19. A poll was demanded by a group of electors who felt that alternative future arrangements — such as amalgamation with Harrow-on-the-Hill Urban District Council — had not been fully considered. The poll took place on 24 July 1926.

Electors: 6,714
Total votes cast: 762 (including 6 spoilt papers)
Turnout: 11.3%

Preference	Votes	%
In Favour of the proposal	591	78.2
Against the proposal	<u>165</u>	<u>21.8</u>
	426	56.4