

## Appendix M

### THE HARROW PARLIAMENTARY BILL

The question of Harrow Urban District Council promoting a Parliamentary Bill first arose at a meeting of the Council's General Purposes Committee on 18 July 1935. Following this, the idea of a Bill came under frequent consideration, until a draft Bill of some 200 clauses was presented to a public meeting on 18 December 1935.

The purpose of the Bill was to provide the recently formed Harrow Urban District Council with powers similar to those of many other local authorities. A contemporary leaflet listed the following aspects of civic life which the Council, through the Bill, sought to improve or control more effectively:

- Better lay-out of building estates.
- Planting trees in private streets.
- Fire precautions.
- Materials used in new buildings.
- Shops in private houses.
- Hoardings and advertisements.
- Lavatory accommodation and facilities for drying children's clothing in private schools.
- Tipping rubbish in streams and on open spaces.
- Elevation of buildings.
- Noise nuisances.
- Street cries and bells on Sundays.
- Infectious diseases in schools.
- Notification of infectious diseases.
- Supply of antidotes and remedies against infectious diseases.
- Rag and bone dealers.
- Sale of bad food and unsound meat.
- Meat hawking.
- Control of commons to prevent abuses.
- Closing of swimming baths for galas.
- Provision of good libraries.
- Purchase of land at reasonable prices.
- By-laws.

The Bill had the support, with one or two exceptions (such as Cllr. Frank Clark) of the whole Council, including the minority Labour Group.

At the public meeting of electors referred to above, six resolutions were put. Resolutions 2, 3, 4 and 5 (which dealt with three individual clauses) were lost, and resolutions 1 and 6 were carried. Following the public meeting a requisition was received by the Council, signed by 114 persons opposed to the Bill, asking for a Poll to be taken on the resolutions put at the public meeting. The Poll was held on Saturday 11 January 1936.

The text of the six resolutions were as follows:

**Resolution 1** That the electors of the Urban District of Harrow hereby approve the promotion of Part X (Transfer of powers under the Public Libraries Acts) of the Harrow Urban District Council Bill.

**Resolution 2** That the electors of the Urban District of Harrow hereby approve of the promotion of Clause 138 (Stanmore Cricket Ground) of the Harrow Urban District Council Bill.

**Resolution 3** That the electors of the Urban District of Harrow hereby approve of the promotion of sub-clause (2) of Clause 130 (Appropriation of Commons) of the Harrow Urban District Council Bill.

**Resolution 4** That the electors of the Urban District of Harrow hereby approve of the promotion of sub-clause (3) of Clause 130 (Appropriation of Commons) of the Harrow Urban District Council Bill.

**Resolution 5** That the electors of the Urban District of Harrow hereby approve the promotion of Clause 149 (Further powers for the acquisition of lands) of the Harrow Urban District Council Bill.

**Resolution 6** That the electors of the Urban District of Harrow hereby approve of the promotion of the Preamble and Part I (Preliminary) of the Harrow Urban District Council Bill and so much of the Bill as is not dealt with in the resolutions which have already been submitted to the meeting, namely, Part II (Streets and

Buildings); Part III (Sewers and Drains); Part IV (Town Planning and Amenities); Part V (Infectious Disease and Sanitary Provision); Part VI (Human Food); Part VII (Common Lodging Houses); Part VIII (Commons) except sub-clauses (2) and (3) respectively of Clause 130 (Appropriation of Commons) and Clause 138 (Stanmore Cricket Ground); Part IX (Parks, Baths and Cemeteries); Part XI (Lands) except Clause 149 (Further powers for the acquisition of lands); Part XII (Superannuation); Part XIII (Financial) and Part XIV (Miscellaneous).

The result of the Poll on the six resolutions was as follows:

Electors: 77,060

Ballot papers issued: 8,050

Turnout: 10.4%

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Valid Votes</b>	<b>% of 8,050</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>
1	7,949	98.7	Against For	4,714 <u>3,235</u> 1,479	59.3 40.7 18.6
2	7,705	95.7	Against For	5,209 <u>2,496</u> 2,713	67.6 32.4 35.2
3	7,714	95.8	Against For	5,240 <u>2,474</u> 2,766	67.9 32.1 35.8
4	7,693	95.6	Against For	5,202 <u>2,491</u> 2,711	67.6 32.4 35.2
5	7,734	96.1	Against For	4,491 <u>3,243</u> 1,248	58.1 41.9 16.2
6	7,111	88.3	Against For	3,931 <u>3,180</u> 751	55.3 44.7 10.6