

**In Parliament,
House of Commons,
Session 1883.**

Longton Extension and Improvement Bill

The humble memorial of the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed being respectively Owners Lessees and Occupiers of property in the Parish of Caverswall in the County of Stafford.

Sheweth as follows –

The undersigned heartily approve of the Petition against the above named Bill which was in the Month of March last presented to your Honourable House by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Caverswall aforesaid and by certain Owners Lessees and Occupiers of property in the same parish for the reasons therein stated and for others which might be urged against the said Bill.

The undersigned also wish to inform your Honourable House that some of the allegations in the said Petition are not so favourably stated for the Petitioners as the facts of the case would allow e.g. in the sixth paragraph it is stated that the Bill proposes to include a most valuable part of the parish of Caverswall of the rateable value of about Four thousand pounds or about one fifth of the whole rateable value of the parish whereas in truth and in fact the part proposed to be annexed is nearly of the rateable value of Five thousand pounds or about one fourth of the whole rateable value of the parish – again in the eighth paragraph the parish of Caverswall is stated to be subject to an annual rate of only two shillings in the Pound as against three shillings and two pence for Borough rates in Longton,

whereas it should have been stated that the two shillings includes about one shilling and six pence for parochial poor and school rates in Caverswall which will still be payable if the annexation takes place so that the comparison should have been either between sixpence for Highway and Sanitary rates and three shillings and two pence for Borough rates or between two shillings and four shillings and eight pence inclusive of poor rates.

The undersigned are informed that the Petition necessarily was prepared in great haste at the last moment and no doubt from that cause the case of the Petitioners has been somewhat understated in the above and other particulars

The undersigned would have gladly signed the above named Petition had time permitted and are entirely against annexation to the Borough of Longton upon any terms and respectfully and humbly support the prayer of the said Petition.

And your Memorialists will ever pray –

Name	Address	Description	Name	Address	Description
Meir Hay Colliery Co	Meir Hay Colliery	Ratepayers	Mary Jervis her x mark	Meir Green	Ratepayer
			Richard [Freeman] his x mark	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Stephen Mear & Sons	East Vale	Ratepayers & Owners	Sarah [Dawson] her x mark	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Per Pro Weston Coyney Colliery Co M Forrister	Weston Coyney	Ratepayers & Owners	Sarah Beilby	Meir Green	Ratepayer
			Ralph Malpas	Meir Green	Ratepayer
M Forrister	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer & Owner	Ann Hand	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Joseph Saunders	Meir Green	Ratepayer & honer	Thomas Birks	Meir Green	Ratepayer
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William Edwards jnr	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Thomas [Hughes] his x mark	Meir Green	Ratepayer
[?] [R ?]	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Martin Plant	Meir Green	Ratepayer
William Edwards snr	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Richard Eardley	Meir Green	Ratepayer
[John Litchfield]	Meir Green	Ratepayer	George [Tuntrum]	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Issac Challinor	Meir Weston Rd	Ratepayer	John Royle	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Leonard Forester	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Elizabeth Gater	Meir Green	Ratepayer
E. Moore	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Elizabeth Jolly	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Alfred Ball	Meir Green	Ratepayer	John Bragg	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Josiah Seabridge	Meir Green	Ratepayer	[Blank]	[Blank]	[Blank]
William Maskery	Weston Road	Ratepayer	[J] Rushton	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
William Woodcock	Weston Road	Ratepayer	George [Udall]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
George Rushton	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Joseph Tunbridge	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Joseph Hill	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Arthur Birks	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
James Eardley	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Richard Blakeman	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Mary Ann Floyd	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Jonathon Cooper	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Richard Hill	Weston Road	Ratepayer	David Hurst	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Alfred Hassall	Weston Road	Ratepayer	J Bostock	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Frederick Shenton	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Benjamin [S t]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Richard Hewitt	Weston Road	Ratepayer	John Crowther	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Thomas Johnson	Weston Road	Ratepayer	[Issac] Tunicliff	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Charles Brassington	Weston Road	Ratepayer	James Blakeman	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
William Hawkins	Weston Road	Ratepayer	William Barnett	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Charles Snape	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Samuel Bloor	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
George Banks	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Clarice Hallam	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Walter Bull	Weston Road	Ratepayer	William B Eyerton	Meir Lane	Property Owner
William Wever	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Agnes [Moore]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer

Thomas Plant	Weston Road	Ratepayer	George [Lawe]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Charles Pascoe	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Joseph Warrilow	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
George Bott	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Emma Ainsworth	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
James [Deen]	Weston Road	Ratepayer	John [Harrison]	Meir Lane	Property Owner
Arthur Hull	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Anilee Rathbone	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
John Walters	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Ellen Lees	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Thomas Ainsworth	Weston Road	Ratepayer	[C][Barker]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Charles Mayer	Weston Road	Ratepayer	James Porter	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Henry James	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Edward Porter	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Charles Donkin	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Thomas Porter	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Charles [Salt]	Weston Road	Ratepayer	William Wooley	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
John Hawkins	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Stephen [Davison]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Mary [Arnold]	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Ralph Horne	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
[Charles Payne]	Weston Road	Ratepayer	John Simcock	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Joseph Brian	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Thomas Fallows	Meir Lane	Property Owner
Henry John Foster	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Anthony Walters	Smallbrook	Ratepayer
Hannah Walters	Weston Road	Ratepayer	William Bull	Hulme	Ratepayer
John Edwards	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	John Walters	Caverswall Common	Ratepayer
Jesse Shaw	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	Thomas Walters snr	Caverswall Common	Ratepayer
[T] Hankey	Weston Road	Ratepayer	John Hulme	Cookshill	Ratepayer
James Mountford	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	John Porter	Caverswall	Ratepayer
John Brassington	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	John Miller	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Ann Brassington	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	William Brassington	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Lewis Degg	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	John Hand	Roughcote	Ratepayer
John Pedley jnr	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	[Joseph] Whilock	Roughcote	Ratepayer
Joseph Adams	Meir Green	Ratepayer	James Barlowe	Mear Green	Ratepayer
Harry Benington	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Herbert Goodwin	Uttoxeter Road	Owner

Thomas Grocott Forester	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Thomas Hudson	Uttoxeter Road	Ratepayer
Joseph Welderley	Mear	[Ratepayer]	Mathew Amison	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Alfred [Cranage]	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Thomas Heath	Meir Green	Ratepayer
John Yates	Meir Green	Ratepayer	G K Prince	Meir Green	Ratepayer
John Hancock	Meir Green	Ratepayer	John Edwards	Meir Green	Ratepayer
Joseph Edwards	Meir Green	Ratepayer	William Millington	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Jane Tomlinson	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	William [Hacker]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Samuel Carter	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	George Ball	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
Lucy Goodwin	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	Charles Mellor	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
John Grattage	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	Samuel Cooper	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
Emma Chell	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	William Dean	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
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James Warilow	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	Julia Lea	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
John Francis Leese	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	Mary [Guinn]	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
Frank Hawkins	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	Richard Hulme	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
Henery Meigh	Mear Green	Ratepayer	Charles Walters	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
William Hibbs	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	George Bailey	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
Robert Salt	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	John P [Bettaney]	Meir Lane	Ratepayer
John Williams	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	Edwin Robinson	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
Henry Frost	Mear Lane	Ratepayer	Thomas [A] James Stoner	Mear Lane	Ratepayer
Martin Hart	Meir Farm	Ratepayer	Lydia Lockett	Weston Coyne	Ratepayer
George Redfearn	Meir Green	Ratepayer	Thomas [Clewes]	Sinder Hill	Ratepayer
Lucretia Simpson	Cinderhill House	Ratepayer	William Wood	Cinderhill	Ratepayer
Charles Wood	Cinderhill	Ratepayer	William Bradshaw	Cinderhill	Ratepayer
William M Jones	Cinderhill	Ratepayer	Mrs Alcock	Cinderhill	Ratepayer
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Joseph Draycott	Adderley House	Owner	William Proctor	Longton	Ratepayer
Anthony Walters	Roughcote	Ratepayer	Samuel Hammersley	East Vale	Ratepayer
James Turner	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Hannah [Bull]	Cellarhead	Ratepayer
E A Malkin	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	William West	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Benjamin Knight	Cookshill	Ratepayer	William Wood	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Richard Ward	Little Weston	Ratepayer	Alice C Edwards her x mark	Weston Road	Ratepayer
William Salt	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Woodcock his x mark	Weston Road	Ratepayer
Joseph Ball	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Plant his x mark	Weston Road	Ratepayer
James [Levett]	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Jesse Ball	Weston Road	Ratepayer
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Hubert Smith	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Daniel Inskip	Cookshill	Ratepayer
[John] Hughes	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer	Annie Phillips	Caverswall	Ratepayer
[George] [F]	Roughcote	Ratepayer	Thomas Jones his x mark	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer
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Frederick Beardmore	Park Head	Ratepayer	William Davies	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer
[Clem] Beardmore	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer	[William] Smith	Hulme	Ratepayer
George Harvey	Hulme	Ratepayer	Mary Wardle	Bolton Gate	Ratepayer
Edward [Wooldridge]	Hulme	Ratepayer	James [Clacker] his x mark	Roughcote	Ratepayer
Elijah Symcox	Roughcote	Ratepayer	William Brassington his x mark	Roughcote	Ratepayer
[Bryson] [Himcock]	Sheep-Wash	Ratepayer	W Sampson Davies	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer
Herbert [Simcox]	Cookshill	Ratepayer	William Hawkins	[Meir]	Ratepayer
Thomas Simcox his x mark	Roughcote	Ratepayer	John Walters	Weston Coyney	Ratepayer
Arthur Edwards his x mark	Sheepwash	Ratepayer	[Elizabeth] Ecclestone	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Fred Harvey	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Thomas [Mildner]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Thomas Brundred his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Joseph Bakewell his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Thomas Symcox	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Philips X	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Richard Farrall X	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Philip Stevenson	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
William Evans	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George Edwards	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
John Bloor X	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	[J] [Everill]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Robert Holmes	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Ward	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
James Whitehurst	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George Grocott his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Thomas Edwards	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Chas Greensmith his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
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John Lockett	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George Harding	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
William Norris	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William [P]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
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John James his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Charles Sherratt	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Thomas Hammonds his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George [Bourne]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
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F B Brassington his x mark	Widowfields	Ratepayer	Charles Walters	Cookshill	Ratepayer
Samuel Simcox his x mark	Cookshill	Ratepayer	Samuel [Tatton]	Cookshill	Ratepayer
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Edward [worth] x mark	Cookshill	Ratepayer	William Atkinson	Cookshill	Ratepayer
William Thorley	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Nathan Atkinson	Cookshill	Ratepayer
William Wood	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Rupert Abberley	Cookshill	Ratepayer
John Hughes	Caverswall	Ratepayer	George Young	Cookshill	Ratepayer
George Dean	Caverswall	Ratepayer	John Slinn	Cookshill	Ratepayer
Thomas Abberley	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Robert Baker	Cookshill	Ratepayer
Catherine [Fletcher]	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Sarah Copeland	Cookshill	Ratepayer
Mary Miller	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Ann Mosley	Cookshill	Ratepayer
John Hughes	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Henry James Kane	Cookshill	Ratepayer

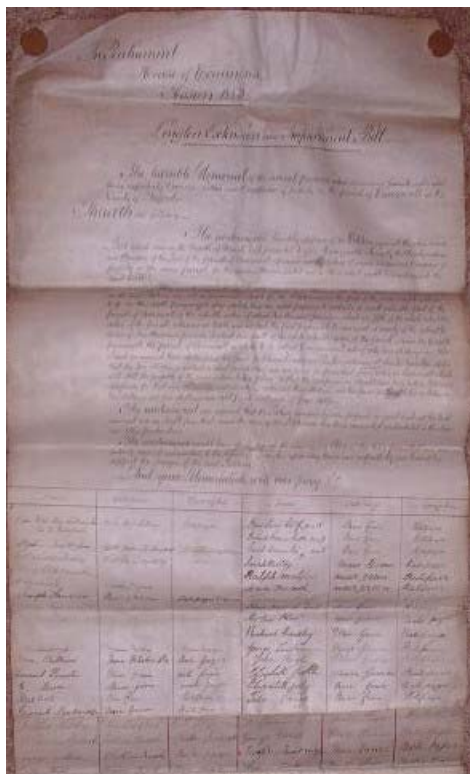
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George Joynson	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Sarah [Lakin]	Caverswall	Ratepayer
William Bailey	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Thomas Edwards	Caverswall	Ratepayer
William [S]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George Edwards	Caverswall	Ratepayer
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Felix Austin	Weston Road	Ratepayer	Eli [Mallow] his x mark	Weston Road	Ratepayer
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Henry Lewis his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	John Thompson	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
John Davis	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Gallimore	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Ralph [Tatten]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer Ratepayer	Anne Edwards her x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Henry Waine	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Samuel [Elkin]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Richard [Addis]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Samuel Higgins	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Thomas Dean	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	John Davies	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
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Chas Breeze his x mark	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Edwin Loden	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Thomas Middleton his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Authur Smith his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Samuel [Beff]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Simcock	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
James Weston	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	[J] Burton	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
James Davis his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Benjamin [Elkin]	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
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James Bailey	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George Thompson	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Richard Hurst	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	John Edwards	Adderley Green	Ratepayer
Mary Ann Maskery	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	Sampson Shaw his x cross	Park Hall	Ratepayer
Ralph Twigg his x cross	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	George Sherwin	Bank House	Ratepayer
John Hollis	Adderley Green	Ratepayer	William Sherwin	Bank House	Ratepayer
William Edwards	Caverswall Common	Ratepayer	Joseph Heath	Cockin	Ratepayer
William [Bromley]	Fox Holes	Ratepayer	John Hawkins	[Crossing]	Ratepayer
Rupert Rushton	Meir Lane	Ratepayer	John Hawkins	Caverswall	Ratepayer
David Rushton	Caverswall []	Ratepayer	Daniel Keen	Caverswall	Ratepayer
William Whilock	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Matthew Brassington his x cross	Caverswall	Ratepayer
[James Hughes]	Caverswall	Ratepayer	William Brassington his x cross	Caverswall	Ratepayer
James Hughes	Caverswall	Ratepayer	John Miller	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Thomas Fielding	Caverswall	Ratepayer	George Brassington his x cross	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Samuel Martin	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Samuel Capewell	Caverswall	Ratepayer
[James Heath]	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Ann Burgess	Caverswall	Ratepayer
[Job] Martin	Caverswall	Ratepayer	George Smith	Caverswall	Ratepayer
John Walters	Cellarhead	Ratepayer	Jonah [Ma]	Caverswall	Ratepayer
John [W]	Cellarhead	Ratepayer	James Capewell	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Richard Unwin	Caverswall	Ratepayer	William Fallows	Caverswall	Ratepayer
Adam Walters	Caverswall	Ratepayer	Henery Ratcliff	Caverswall	Ratepayer

Notes on the Document October 2005

This unique document consists of several sheets of thick parchment paper which have been stitched together and then folded over many times to create a continuous sheet. The document is 46 cm wide and 375cms in length when fully unfolded. We are very fortunate as despite its age, it is in very good condition and only a small amount of fading has occurred.



Underneath the introductory text on the first page there are two sets of three columns which continue through to the end of the document. The three columns are headed – Name, Address, and Description.

The petition has been signed by 447 persons from the parish of Caverswall. It seems reasonable to assume that these persons may have been the head of the household at the time. In most cases the only part of the address that is given is the area or the name of the road e.g. Adderley Green or Meir Lane. It is interesting to note the different spellings of the same location.

Some of the handwriting is very difficult to read and words which are unclear are enclosed in brackets []. These words require further study and will be updated as they are resolved.

It seems that 72 petitioners were unable to write their own name and they have added their cross or mark to the name which has been written for them.

How the protest finally ended is revealed in the following extract from A History of Longton by J.H.Y. Briggs - `But in the 1880s Longton Imperialism looked with greedy eyes ----- various borough extension schemes were attempted and in June 1883 East Vale was annexed. In May 1884 Dresden, Florence and parts of Caverswall were added. A further scheme that would have extended Longtons empire out Werrington and Cellarhead was however dropped. The borough showed its thanks to the Town Clerk, for his part in the parliamentary business of 1883-84 by presenting him with a purse of 100 guineas`.