

## D9 Low Common, Royd Moor and Whitley Common (LCS does not include Whitley Common)

This is an expansive moorland fringe area above Hepworth and Denby Dale which extends southwards beyond Kirklees District. The area includes improved moorland used for grazing with a visually strong and intact pattern of medium to large scale stone wall enclosures. It differs from other moorland fringe landscapes to the west in that it does not form an immediate foreground to the higher moorland plateaux of the Dark Peak, which lie further away to the southwest. Nevertheless it sits above adjacent valleys forming distinct stepped ridges in the west and lends an important backdrop to settlement. Away from the edges this landscape is open and simple and contains wind farm development, masts and reservoirs.