

E7 Emley Moor Northern Fringes

This area forms the northern pastoral fringes to Emley Moor and comprises a relatively complex topography incised by small streams although broadly it slopes in a northerly direction. Its elevation and often open character afford views northwards over the conurbations of Mirfield, Batley and Dewsbury. This landscape has a settled character containing small historic villages some of which have grown substantially with recent development e.g. Kirkheaton. Church towers can act as local landmarks e.g. Hillside and Whitley Lower as does the dominance of the Emley Moor TV tower which hovers above this landscape. Around Upper Hopton the influence of Hopton Hall and parkland makes a particular contribution to the area resulting in a higher incidence of broadleaved woodland. Pylons traverse this landscape and are a reoccurring feature.