

Our commitment to sustainability The business of the future

Climate change and the sustainability agenda is firmly positioned as a key and permanent strategic shift within the private sector. The planned legislation changes will encourage the development of energy efficient buildings.

The private commercial office sector has a large learning curve ahead and it is essential that organisations begin to address the 'hot topics' before it is too late.

Our focus is to work in partnership with our clients, breaking down barriers and finding the right way forward. Each and every solution has to incorporate business, social and environmental key success factors. It is our ambition to offer our clients longevity as businesses and to protect and enhance our planet for future generations.

Therefore, we have developed a service that is built around sustainable construction techniques, incorporating 'green' solutions in line with rental values, tenant take-up and profitability.

A solution that will not only be cost effective but will also meet the changing demands of our clients' clients.



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The official drive towards greener and more efficient practice has continued despite the impact of the recession of the last two years. A steady stream of new initiatives and legislation changes will be implemented over the next ten years. The major challenge is going to be around the existing commercial facilities and it has become ever more apparent that occupiers, developers and landlords cannot avoid green issues

CARBON REDUCTION COMMITMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME



Until April 2011, large businesses have to report on the amount of carbon dioxide their buildings emit throughout the year in order to purchase carbon allowances.

They will either receive financial penalties or bonuses depending on the amount of carbon released into atmosphere and their plan to reduce it in the future.

£12 per CO₂ tonne

allowances are mandatory purchases for businesses with electricity bills of £500,000 or over or use of 6000mwh per annum.

ENERGY PERFORMANCE AND DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES



Energy certificates have been a mandatory requirement since October 2008 for buildings over 1,000m² and going forward they will continue to have a large impact on existing buildings as well as new builds.

Large numbers of commercial properties have been graded under certification level E and it is essential that steps are taken to improve the efficiency of these buildings with the main objective to achieve grade C as a minimum.

BUILDING REGULATIONS PART L



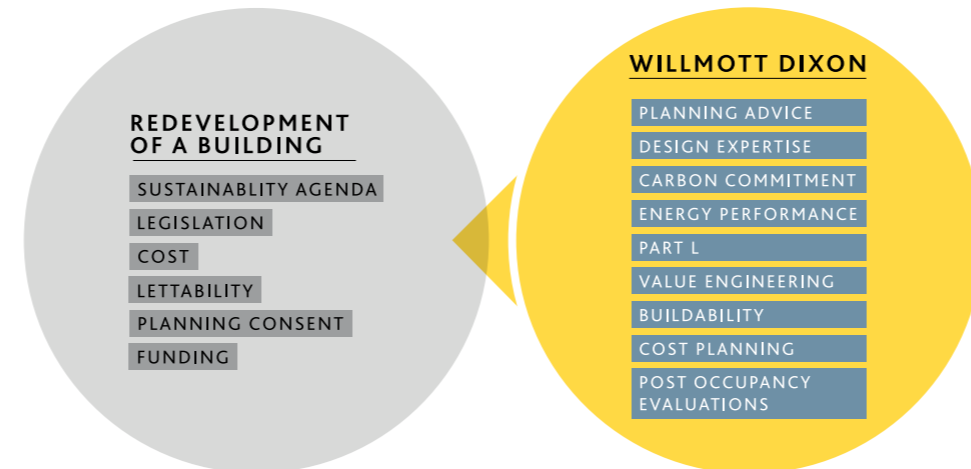
In October 2010, key changes to Part L regulations will be implemented which require commercial properties to improve their energy efficiency by 25% against 2006 standards. In conjunction with added proposals for tougher compliance issues, it is essential to seek the most cost effective ways to reduce energy in these buildings. In premises with well-controlled systems, heating bills can be 15% to 34% cheaper.

One of the most important points of the new Part L is for the UK to meet its carbon-reduction targets and achieve security of energy supply.

**Our service
A unique solution**

Willmott Dixon has the expertise to address the CRC, EPC and Part L requirements as part of our traditional contractor service.

By working with us, we can address the key issues surrounding buildability and improving energy efficiency whilst seeking cost effective solutions.



"It's impossible to exaggerate the importance of getting our built environment properly aligned with today's sustainability imperatives, both in terms of new build and refurbishing existing buildings and infrastructure"

Jonathon Porritt, Non-Executive Director, Willmott Dixon

In partnership with Max Fordham LLP we have created a service to deliver greener buildings within the UK as shown in the diagram below.

