

## **Willmott Dixon Construction Policy Statement**

### **Scientific Facilities: Animal Research**

The provision of facilities for use in animal experimentation is a highly sensitive and ethically challenging matter and prior to accepting a tender for any such project, approval is required from the parent company board.

There will always be some public and employee concern about research involving animals and we acknowledge that people will invariably ask "are such experiments, and the facilities built to accommodate them, really necessary?" That said, our government takes the view that such research is ethically justifiable if the important cures and treatments of tomorrow are to be found, and therefore licenses facilities to be provided for that purpose provided they operate in strict compliance with Home Office regulation.

Whilst it will never become core business for Willmott Dixon Construction, it is possible that we may from time to time enter in to contracts to build or refurbish facilities that may at some point be used for research involving animals. From a corporate perspective we will only become involved where we know that any experimentation is for the advancement of scientific studies which have been well-designed to provide new information on important questions relevant to human health; and that animal groups involved should exclude all mammals other than rats or mice.

Prospective customers commissioning such facilities will be required to provide formal and binding assurances to this effect prior to this organisation entering into a contractual relationship.

This policy statement is published on the Group website as a record of Willmott Dixon Construction's position.