

# BRILLIANT BUILDINGS

INVESTING IN KENT



WILLMOTT DIXON

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## County of opportunity

Our Dartford-based team play an active role in the Kent community, as well as delivering the projects that will drive the county's prosperity.



We have been based in Kent for over 10 years and are determined to continue to play our part in the county's growth and prosperity.

We are located in Dartford, allowing us to have a unique Kent-focused team who live and play an active role in the county, alongside delivering projects that are a catalyst for future growth.

I am proud of the way our work helps shape the county's future – and that also includes our role working with local companies to sustain jobs and support the local pound whenever we can.

Being based in Kent is important for number of reasons:

- it sends a strong signal that Kent is a place of growth and opportunity
- it allows us to be even closer to our customers
- it enables us to build stronger links with local schools and colleges
- we can invest in the local economy by creating jobs, directly and indirectly
- it gives a local base to our people living close by – and helps attract more talent.

### Investing in skills to create growth

It is essential we link to Kent's local strategy for promoting economic growth, building a 'place' of prosperity and supporting productivity.

One example is the drylining academy we opened in 2019 inside HMP Elmley to help prison residents find work on release back into the community. This is important as the construction industry needs to fill 168,000 jobs over the next three years, according to the CITB.

Willmott Dixon aims to be a catalyst for even more opportunity for the people of Kent and I and the team look forward to working with partners in the county for many decades to come.

**Rick Willmott, group chief executive, Willmott Dixon**

# Shaping Kent's future

From leisure centres to university campuses to prison academies, our work is helping to transform lives throughout the community.



### 1 Benenden Hospital, Cranbrook

We delivered improvements and a large expansion to this private hospital, including new theatres, en-suite rooms, an ophthalmic suite, outpatient department, procedure rooms and a new entrance, atrium and car parks.



### 5 Fairfield Leisure Centre, Dartford

By undertaking extensive asbestos removal, refit and new build work, we were able to turn a tired 1970s-era leisure centre into a super-modern public facility, adding another 30-50 years to its lifespan.



### 2 The Skinners' Kent Academy, Tunbridge Wells

Celebrating the school's specialism of science and engineering, the three-storey building has four zones that provide a variety of personalised learning spaces.



### 6 H Wing, HMP Swaleside, Eastchurch

This project involved construction of a new wing that could house 180 cells with a new link walkway. We also undertook phased works to various existing ancillary buildings.



### 3 Weald of Kent Grammar School

This building created space for 450 11-16-year-old pupils and a 180-student sixth form on a site in Sevenoaks. The building was constructed next to Trinity Free School, which we also built a year before.



### 7 Drylining Academy, HMP Elmley

The Willmott Dixon Building Lives Drylining Academy provides inmates with drylining skills and a CSCS card. We converted a warehouse inside the prison, and also equipped prison officers with accredited skills.



### 4 Bradbourne Car Park, Sevenoaks

This is not your average car park! Bradbourne possesses stunning detail in the form of coloured aluminium fins and green walls. Replacing a surface car park, its 436 spaces meet Park Mark's Safer Car Park scheme.



### 8 Sibson Building, University of Kent

Working in a busy, live environment, we created an 8,000m<sup>2</sup> hub that brings together academics, students and administrative staff. State-of-the-art facilities include seminar rooms, lecture theatres, atrium and 150 offices.



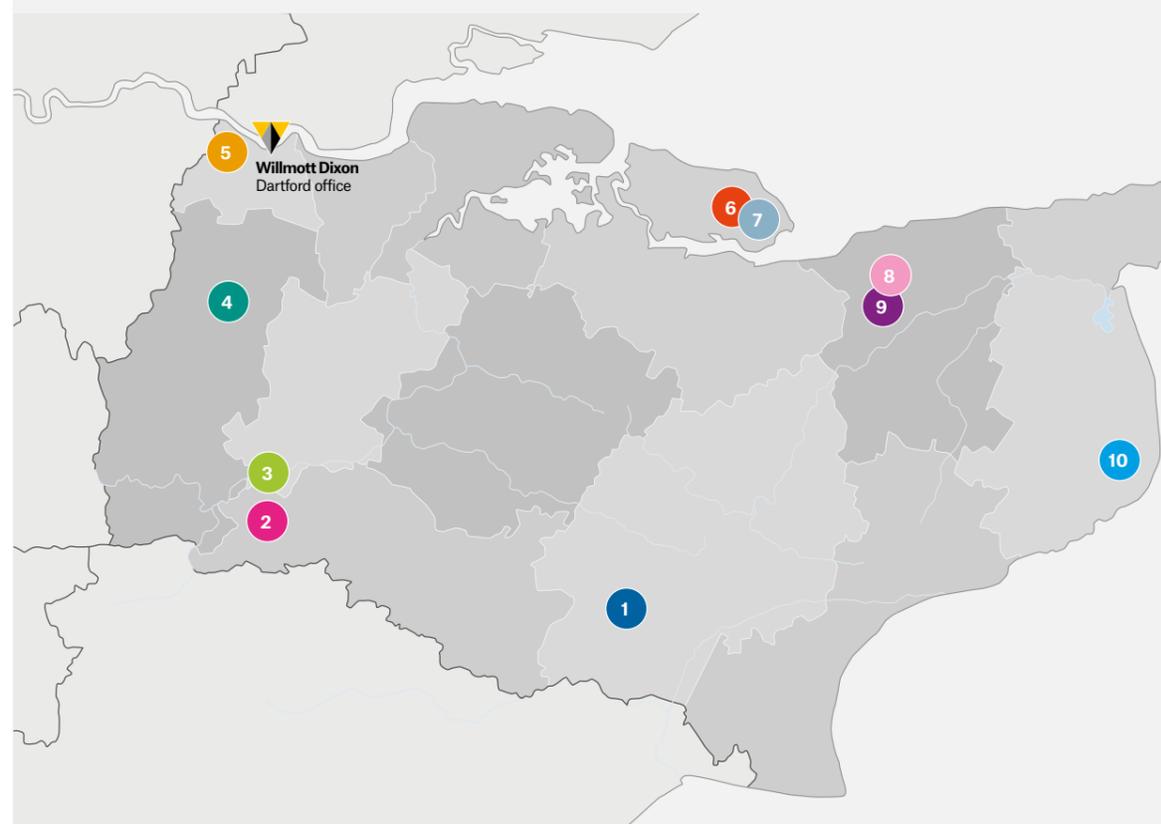
### 9 Kennedy Building, University of Kent

This three-storey building brings the whole of the School of Economics together under one roof. The project features an array of photovoltaic panels to reduce the reliance on energy from the national grid.



### 10 Dover Christ Church Academy

We modernised and extended the academy's home, adding science laboratories and specialist teaching spaces for hair, beauty, textiles and catering. We also extended the existing sports hall.



For further information on our projects and expertise please visit:

[www.willmott-dixon.co.uk](http://www.willmott-dixon.co.uk)

Cover image The Sibson Building, University of Kent

## PLAYING OUR PART IN LOCAL GROWTH HOW WE'RE ENHANCING KENT'S WELLBEING

We link directly to Kent's local strategy for promoting economic growth, building a 'place' of prosperity and supporting productivity.

This is about relationships and a commitment to deliver more good jobs and better skilled supply chains, as well as supporting local housing and infrastructure.

Each year, Willmott Dixon invests over £2m in strengthening local communities, and has three Queen's Awards for Enterprise since 2014 that recognise our work to nurture local environments and build local prosperity.



**"I am passionate that we make a lasting impact to society's well-being and prosperity through our work. Our purpose-beyond-profit ethos drives this vision to strengthen and improve the living environment and economic prospects of hundreds of thousands of people, creating a positive legacy that will last many decades."**

**Rick Willmott, group chief executive**

Here are some examples of how we help to get people into work:

**The Drylining Academy at HMP Elmley provides skills and CSCS cards to help inmates find work on release**

**5,199**

construction insight workshops delivered

**18,240**

hours of our people's time at careers fairs

**1,326**

apprentice weeks on Kent projects

**211**

work experience weeks for Kent pupils

**£683,865**

of community investment in Kent



**Above** Investing in young skills. Kent-born management trainee Luke Bassett is just one person from the county building a career with Willmott Dixon. Educated at Beths Grammar school in Bexley, he's worked on projects at the University of Greenwich, Weald of Kent Grammar school and the University of Kent, gaining important experience to help develop his career in the construction industry.

**Clockwise from top left** Benenden Hospital in Cranbrook; Fairfield Leisure Centre in Dartford; Wildernesse Free School in Sevenoaks; Bradbourne Car Park in Sevenoaks; and the Sibson Building at the University of Kent in Canterbury





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Willmott Dixon is a privately-owned contracting and interior fit-out group. Founded in 1852, we are family-run and dedicated to leaving a positive legacy in our communities and environment. Being a large company means we can create a huge and lasting positive impact on our society. This is not only done through what we build and maintain; it's achieved through the fantastic efforts of our people who make a major contribution to enhancing their local communities.

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### **Routes to working with Willmott Dixon**

**There are several frameworks catering for all requirements where you can access our expertise and community investment. These include:**

- Major Works England and Northern Ireland, part of the Scape National Construction framework
- Procurement Hub
- Southern Construction Framework
- LCP Framework
- EFA Framework

### **We'd like to hear from you ...**

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