

CASE STUDY

MILTON COURT, MOOR LANE, LONDON

Located in the heart of London's financial district, opposite the Barbican Estate, was the Milton Court complex. Milton Court comprised a number of concrete structures housing various departments of the Corporation of London, including a three storey Corporation Services building which included a mortuary, public weights office, family planning clinic, Guildhall School of Music offices and a Coroners Court. Additional buildings housed a high level residential hub structure sitting on columns and a redundant fire station.

Client:

Heron International PLC

Principal Contractor:

Cantillon Ltd

Contract Duration:

6 months

Contract Value:

£1.4 million



The buildings were of a robust concrete design engineered by ARUP. Milton Court was a trial run for design, and construction methods, which were to be applied in later years during the construction of the Barbican Estate.

The buildings also formed part of the Barbican Estate highwalk system. Two 50 and 80 tonne bridges linked the structure to the Barbican and City Point, these also had to be removed as part of the demolition works and involved extensive temporary works.



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“Cantillon completed a difficult project on time and to the highest standards. Management of neighbours and third parties was key to the success of the project and Cantillon excelled in this area.”

Ian Blake, Heron International

The buildings were located on a heavily congested island site in a prestigious area of London. Sensitive corporate firms flanked the site on three elevations with the Barbican on the fourth. Constant liaison with adjacent stakeholders proved to be the underpinning key to success on this contract for Cantillon who completed it ahead of programme and to budget.

The package consisted of:

- Perimeter hoarding & associated electrical installations
- Complete asbestos identification/survey and removal
- All utility service disconnections
- De-commissioning and removal of existing M&E plant
- Complete soft strip of the structure recovering and recycling up to 90%
- Design and installation of temporary support works
- Complete scaffold installation with Envirowrap sheeting fully enclosing site
- Structural demolition using long reach and floor by floor techniques of three buildings

Cantillon's works were carried out for Heron International, who are responsible for constructing the New Guildhall School of Music and 38 storey tower on the site.



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