

# CASE STUDY

## ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS, SW1

**Cantillon Ltd were appointed to carry out the extensive and intricate strip out of this six storey Grade 1 listed building, under the close scrutiny of The English Heritage. Because of its listed status, many parts of the building had to be protected and others removed and retained for reinstatement. Staircases, handrails, cornices, dado rails, fireplaces etc were protected. Many artefacts including columns with architectural plaster cast and fitted antique cupboards were removed by specialist carpenters and safely stored.**

### **Client:**

Royal Horticultural Society

### **Principal Contractor:**

Cantillon Ltd

### **Contract Duration:**

12 weeks

### **Contract Value:**

£450,000



Once all the protection was in place Cantillon carried out full asbestos removal followed by the soft strip, including removal of partitions and old pipework. A three storey office block in the main hall, consisting of a steel frame, concrete floors and brick walls was demolished in strictly controlled conditions. Demolition could only be achieved by opening up the main fully glazed domed roof to enable a mini digger to be lowered into the building.

The final part of the contract involved demolition of all non load bearing walls and a reduced dig of sub ground level to 2 metres deep. A conveyor belt had to be installed from basement to first floor window level for removal of spoil.

Traditional haulage methods were not possible due to the narrow roads in a highly residential area. Lorry movements were arranged for early mornings and early evenings only to minimise inconvenience to local residents.

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