

# CASE STUDY

## STONEBRIDGE ESTATE, LONDON NW10

For the past seven years Cantillon Ltd has been working together with the Stonebridge Housing Action Trust and Hillside Housing in their regeneration of the Stonebridge Estate NW London. The development of new dwellings for all residents and fantastic community facilities required a huge programme of phased demolition and construction works. Cantillon has 2 more years on the Framework for demolition and asbestos removal works, with works totalling in excess of £20 million.

**Client:**

Hillside Housing

**Principal Contractor:**

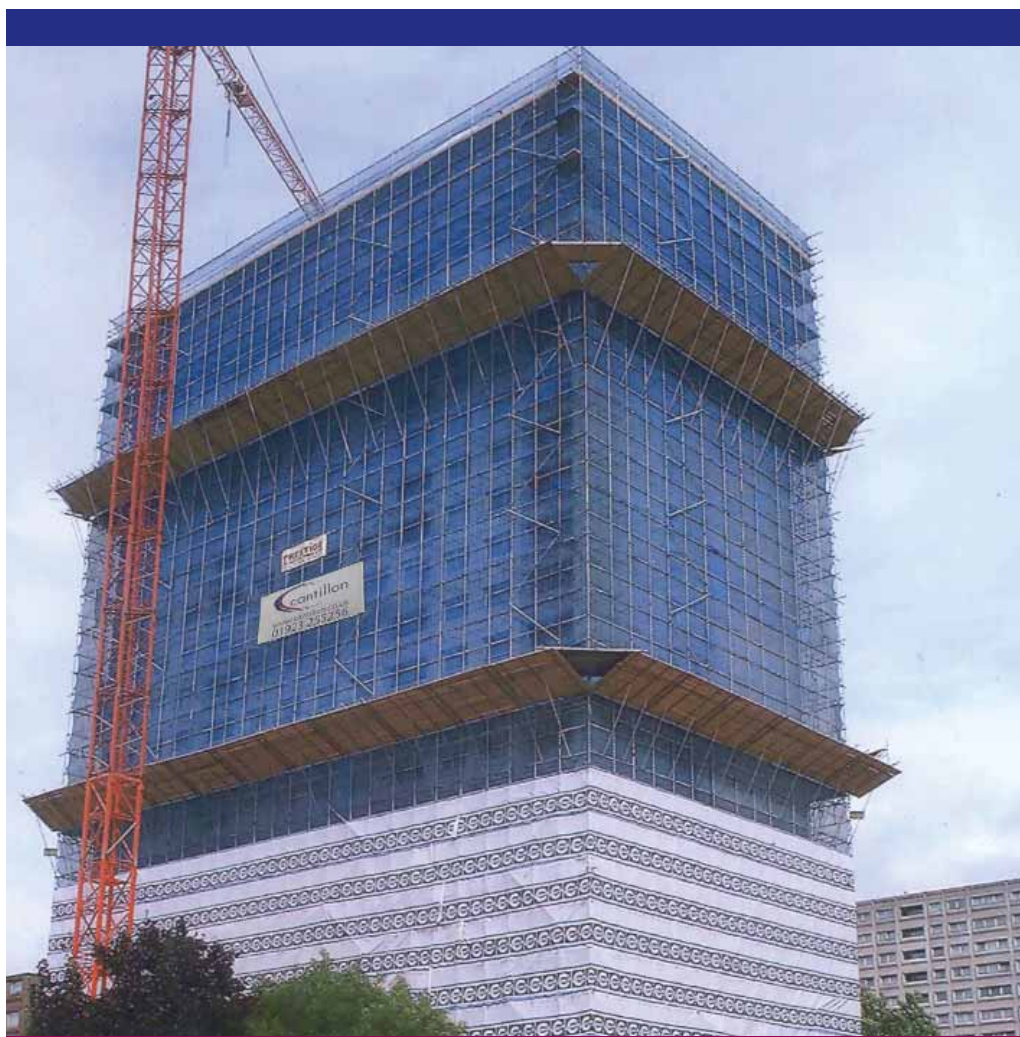
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**Contract Duration:**

24 months

**Contract Value:**

£12.6 million



The first phase of demolition works involved the asbestos removal, soft strip and careful dismantling of the tallest building on the estate, the twenty-two storey residential tower block 'Haskell House'. This was situated in the middle of the live estate and adjacent to the local nursery school and two primary schools. A number of educational assemblies were given to the surrounding schools to target as many children as possible, residing on or near the estate in order to create awareness of the dangers of demolition sites.

Cantillon went on to remove vacant maisonettes and houses within the neighbouring crescents and also undertook the demolition and landscaping of former multi-storey car parks – enabling temporary use of the site area.



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The estate is situated on two sides of a major traffic route. The company then commenced a demolition programme on the North side of the Estate, dismantling an eighteen storey tower 'Hiscock House' and also stripping out a large eight storey residential block 'Fitzsimmons Court' in Exon Crescent. Logistically this was a particularly difficult tower to dismantle, as new build properties surrounded the site perimeter at extremely close proximity.



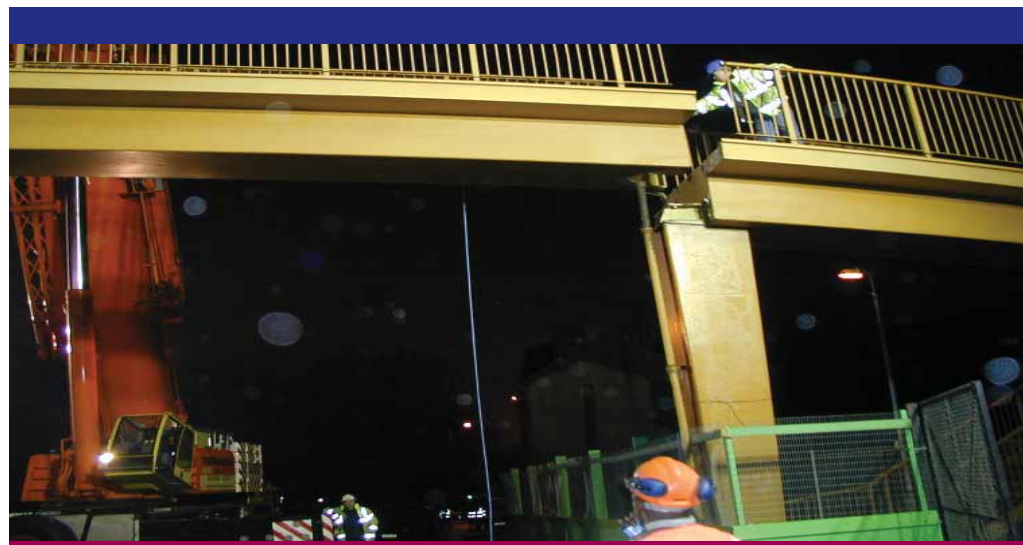
Cantillon's Asbestos Surveying Division undertook type 2 surveys of several property types on the estate and we subsequently removed asbestos from every building in which we have worked.

Whilst on the north side of the estate, Cantillon were also asked to undertake the careful dismantling of a pedestrian footbridge which spanned the breadth of Hillside Road.

It was determined due to the immense daily traffic flow, the task would be best undertaken at night, when, with permission by Brent Highways Department, the road was closed for a short time. A mobile crane was manoeuvred into place to assist with the removal and specialist burning and cutting equipment was used to dissect the bridge as quickly and cleanly as possible. The road was opened within the time restriction and to the satisfaction of the client, residents and the council.

More recently the Cantillon team have demolished seven storey Clark Court using long reach machines, the five storey Wilmers 3 and 4 blocks and 16 storey Prothero House. Prothero was dismantled using traditional floor by floor methods as additional protection works were required due to the presence of a live sub-station on the ground floor.

A great emphasis has been placed on employment and training of local people throughout the entire regeneration programme at Stonebridge. We are delighted to have been working closely with the local labour team and to have achieved their target of 20 per cent local employment on virtually all our projects. In addition the Cantillon team have very much enjoyed taking part in employment workshops, community events and award ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of local people.



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