



No Bridge too far for Cantillon



Closing the door on London's Larder

Cantillon demolishes opposition to win prestigious award

London's foremost demolition company, Cantillon, has beaten all competition to win the coveted Demolition category at the Specialist Awards 2008.



It represents the perfect end to a twelve month period in which the London-based firm re-evaluated every aspect of its business to further improve its exceptional standards.

This notably included the company becoming one of the first UK demolition contractors to achieve ISO 14001 environmental accreditation – a fine testament to its strong commitment to green issues.

The judges noted Cantillon's "excellent management systems not only involve processes, but also workforce initiatives brought together in a system that generates over 80 per cent repeat business".

Included in the entry were a number of the company's recent and acclaimed projects, including the Stonebridge Estate in London and Lime Street. Plus, the company's valuable work at the Athlete's Village, which

saw Cantillon level the 14 acre Frigoscandia Cold Stores site.

Michael Cantillon, Managing Director, commented, "We are immensely proud to have been recognised for such a prestigious industry award. It is a testament to the hard work shown by every member of our team in our drive to take the business to even greater heights. More importantly, it reflects their underlying pride in a job well done."

Held at the London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane on Wednesday 7th May, the ceremony recognised the essential role specialist contractors play within the construction industry.

Additionally, to further compliment Cantillon's hard work, it has been nominated for the City of London Environmental Award, a Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) Award and the Bovis Supply Chain Award.



BBC uses Cantillon site for New Tricks

Prior to the demolition of its North West London regeneration project, Stonebridge Estate, Cantillon made way for the BBC to film its praised drama series New Tricks – with all money made donated to charity.

Filming took place at Mordaunt House, one of the tower blocks awaiting demolition. All money paid to Cantillon for the loan of the site was donated in order to host an event for local children. This comes as part of Cantillon's continual dedication to putting something back into the community in which it is working.

The funds were passed on to the Employment and Social Regeneration team, who, as part

of their invaluable work within the local community, regularly hold events and activities for children who live on the estate.

Having worked on the site for many years as part of the area's mass regeneration programme, Cantillon has taken part in local labour workshops, community events and award ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of local people.

Valued at more than £12.5m, the Stonebridge Estate project involves nine different contracts covered by a framework agreement, due for completion in 2009.

All work is taking place on a densely populated estate, so Cantillon is taking care to minimise the disturbance for the many residential neighbours.

Cantillon contract update

No bridge too far for Cantillon

Drawing upon its extensive experience in the field, Cantillon has successfully achieved the removal and recycling of two substantial pedestrian bridges at the busy Barbican Estate, London.

Lifting the bridges from their place required meticulous preparation to prevent disruption to city workers. Following a detailed plan, the team set to removing the first bridge, a 23 metre long structure constructed from a steel support. Following preparation, it was severed from its position using gas axes and removed by crane.



The second challenge, an 82 tonne reinforced concrete bridge, was severed from the building at the site's end using a long reach excavator. Once removed, it was broken down and recycled on site.

With the bridges out of the way, it was able to successfully demolish the redundant office building, Milton Court. Completed on-time and to budget, Cantillon's hard work at the site has made way for the planned construction of a brand new 43 storey multi-use centre made up of apartments and a music school.

Foundation of good business

As part of a double contract totalling £600,000 Cantillon successfully demolished buildings four, seven and eight at the £72 million business park, Foundation Park, for Frogmore Property Company, ready for its regeneration plans.

Demolition of buildings seven and eight was handled systematically, using mini excavators to dismantle the structures down to first floor level. Rubber tracks were used to protect the concrete paving surrounding the structures and also to keep noise levels to a minimum.



Building four, the second contract, was 4000m² in size – double that of the previous buildings – and so its demolition required the use of large 20 and 30 tonne excavators.

During its time on site, Cantillon upheld its environmental commitment. Noise was minimised by working on a two hours on, two hours off basis, thereby reducing disruption to neighbouring businesses. Tree protection was also an essential factor and involved temporary fencing and mesh placed around the trees to maintain their safety.

Cantillon is top of the class

As part of Cantillon's continual input into UK communities, its dedicated and skilled demolition team is currently on site at West Thames College, with many more educational contracts in the pipeline.

With a live site containing thousands of students, and tasked with protecting one of the country's most iconic listed buildings, Cantillon's expert project management and demolition services are delivering the perfect phased handover for West Thames College, Isleworth.

In a comprehensive site package worth £1.5 million, scheduled for completion in 2011, Cantillon's work on the £62 million scheme will include full soft strip, asbestos removal and demolition of four blocks. These will subsequently be replaced with new buildings, following a time sensitive programme that allows existing buildings to be decanted into the new facilities during holiday periods, ready for the students' return.

It is a phased handover programme that fits perfectly with Cantillon's approach to partnering. Working closely with main

contractor Osborne, all works will be carried out to the highest possible levels of health and safety, while allowing other parts of the college to function as normal.

The contract requires special care to protect the 18th Century Spring Grove House, located within five metres of one of the blocks due for demolition. A Grade II listed building, it is the former home of botanist Sir Joseph Banks – a friend of George III and traveller with Captain Cook – and will be the College's centrepiece when all work is completed.

Additionally, as part of the company's increasing number of educational contracts, Cantillon is currently scheduled for work at:

- Leyton College
- Aylesbury College
- Heathbrook School
- Park View Academy
- Colchester Institute



Closing the door on London's Larder

Work has now started on a £5.2 million contract that will see Cantillon remove one of London's last historic warehouse premises, Chambers Wharf, resurrect a sunken barge and remove demolition waste via the River Thames.



Formally used for storing imported food and drink, Chambers Wharf was once regarded as London's larder. Rich in history, the 1930s facility was also used for storing gold bullion and even provided a set for 1980s TV show 'The Professionals'.

Leading developer St Martins Property Corporation is set to transform the site into the riverside's largest and greenest mixed-use development, which will include over 600 homes, shops and offices, plus 13 wind turbines.

Cantillon's dedication to green demolition complements the project's focus on environmental benefits. As well as carefully monitoring all noise, dust and vibration, the company will utilise the River Thames to transport waste from the site.

This will heavily reduce the amount of carbon emissions that would have resulted from fleets

of road vehicles, and significantly lessen the impact on congestion and local residents.

Demolition work has already commenced and includes soft strip, asbestos removal and the structural demolition of the 15 main buildings and several small structures.

Cantillon intends to successfully resurrect the barge submerged adjacent in the River Thames utilising a carefully planned and methodical approach. This scheme will involve de-silting and emptying the barge of water, all the way through to extracting the ballast that originally sunk the ship.

Additionally, as part of Cantillon's collaboration with the London Fire Brigade, fire crews were able to test a newly acquired cherry picker on the Chambers Wharf site prior to demolition.

Subsequent to the completion of Cantillon's work in March 2009, further design development will be underway, followed by the innovative project's construction phase.

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Cantillon cleans up

In a contract worth just under half a million pounds, Cantillon's skilled demolition team have safely removed two grandstands and other structures at the famous Lingfield Park racecourse, Surrey.

A complete service package was implemented with the minimum of fuss. Cantillon's brief included the soft strip and demolition of 15 buildings, a full rolling programme of asbestos abatement and materials recovery, recycling and re-use. The company also carefully collected and sorted all hazardous materials and removed any health and safety threats.

Timber recovered from the building was put to use for form work and temporary works, concrete and brick material was stockpiled and crushed to be used for the new development's substructure.

The 12-week project was planned to allow business to continue without disturbance. A trench over 200 metres long was constructed to direct gas, water, IT and electricity services to various live buildings nearby.

Leaving a clear site, following contractors can commence the main construction in the best possible workspace.



Promising electrifying results

Overcoming hazardous conditions, Cantillon's demolition team is carrying out work alongside a 66KVA power supply, 11KVA cables and two schools in Pratt Street, London, as part of a £320,000 contract with gas and electricity giant EDF.

In preparation for a new car parking facility for EDF, the company needs two buildings situated in its Camden based facilities to be removed. Cantillon teams have already successfully removed the first, an unused outhouse, as phase one of the project, with the demolition of the second, phase two, currently underway.

Positioned beside the substantial power supply and with 11 KVA cables running

through the site, the second building requires careful planning. This has involved enabling works to uphold the gable wall, located beside the supply.

With the site adjacent to two schools, Cantillon planned works to fit in with the school holiday to minimise the risk posed to students by the site.

Continuing the company's commitment to environmental concern, all areas of potential nuisance have been tackled, including dust and noise suppression, and vibrations monitoring.

Following demolition, phases three and four will begin. These include filling light wells and installing steel decks to allow for vehicle movement and then surfacing.

'demolition and safety hand in hand'

As a Company dedicated to putting Safety and Health first – a value that runs throughout the entire workforce – Cantillon has not had a reportable accident for over two years.

Cantillon's Safety, Health, Environment & Quality (SHEQ) specialist, John Rimmer states that "Safety and Health is our number one concern at all times" – and he ensures the message is reinforced at every level of the business.

He has outlined the need to make Safety and Health a value at Cantillon not just a priority. He recognises, for example, that in situations where there is a time shortage, priorities will change, placing Safety and Health lower on the agenda, as a value, they retain equal importance with these new priorities.

To push the message forward, John is introducing a comprehensive Behavioural Safety campaign. The aim of this is to fully encourage all personnel to look out for each other when working, making sure that colleagues are not putting themselves and others at unnecessary risk and intervening if this happens. Its overall objective is to get everyone in the Company engaged through education and awareness sessions.

With Safety and Health firmly embedded in methods of working, every employee is encouraged to constantly question their

working environment. As a result, workers are in total control of their actions, enabling them to foresee potential accident situations.

With the help of all employees, a motto for the initiative has been devised; "*demolition and safety hand in hand*". With this in place, Cantillon has affirmed itself as a company aiming to be at the forefront of Safety and Health and sees this as paramount for its future success.



Cantillon gets in the fast lane

Going head to head with close sister companies, Elliott Thomas and Rainsford Contracts, Cantillon and clients got behind the wheel at Bedford Autodrome for a day of racing on 2nd July 2008.

Cantillon's very own Jason Crawley took home the Caterhams and was narrowly bested for the overall prize of driver of the day by a Rainsford invitee.

Cantillon takes to the green

Proving business should be built on strong foundations, Cantillon's workforce took to Uxbridge Golf Course, Middlesex, on a team building day of golfing, capped off with dinner and drinks.

Teams of three were drawn from a hat and entered the competition on 6th June 2008. Special congratulations are in order for Steve May, the day's champion, with Andy Dyson and Henry Brooks respectively taking second and third place.



Supporting green demolition

Taking its commitment to eco-friendly practice to another level, Cantillon, in conjunction with its Behavioural Safety Campaign, has embarked upon an Environmental Sustainability campaign – a scheme that's set to take the company to the forefront of green demolition.

The campaign's main aim is to enhance Cantillon as a first class demolition company, but one that is 100% dedicated to reducing waste throughout its practices.

Initially Cantillon will launch the campaign through a poster, fronting the title, "Environment Under the Microscope". This will then continue with further posters to maintain the preliminary campaign's momentum.

The first poster, "Cantillon Environment 6 Golden Rules", will display a series of six vows that all its projects will firmly work towards, to help continue its fight for the greenest possible practice.

As an ongoing part of this scheme, the company also advises each client on the optimum method of disposing material from the demolition of their site. This is being achieved by enforcing methods that ensure as much of the material produced

from demolition and packaging is recycled and re-used.

Cantillon has embraced new legislation on waste management using SWMP's (Site Waste Management Plan). The company has already been auditing client's sites to maximise recycling. Recent legislation has formalised this process and allowed Cantillon to assist its clients to achieve increasingly better ratings under the various sustainability schemes that exist.

New faces of Cantillon

Representing Cantillon's continual growth and development, it welcomes five new additions to its skilled and specialised team.

The first of the new additions, with two major projects already under his belt at Cantillon, Andy Dyson joins as Project Manager. Also entering as Project Managers in the latter part of 2008 were Rob Smith and David Strzelecki.

Helping John Rimmer with Cantillon's advanced health and safety policy is our new SHEQ Assistant, Clair Turner. And, returning as Business Research Manager, is Kate McCormick – welcome back.

With the five new members on board, the company looks forward to a bright future, supported by a close knit and expert team.