

CASE STUDY

PETCHHEY ACADEMY TRUST

Cantillon delivered a lesson in working in harmony with its surroundings at the new Petchey Academy, Hackney. The company was awarded a comprehensive demolition package, paving the way for the Academy's new £25million state-of-the-art building – while carefully working around protected trees and a bustling residential community.

Client:

Petchey Academy Trust

Project Manager:

EC Harris

Contract Duration:

13 weeks

Contract Value:

£395,000



Cantillon carried out all asbestos removal, soft strip and demolition of four existing buildings, including a sports hall and science labs.

Before any works were carried out, the experts at Cantillon invited local residents to the pre-start site meeting, where they could voice any concerns or worries over the works. Cantillon was able to reassure the local people that plans had been drawn up for measures to protect trees across four key areas, including a large maple tree in the centre of the site and to describe the noise and dust control measures which were to be used, thus reassuring them that full and careful planning had taken place and their considerations were taken seriously. Throughout their works on the challenging site, Cantillon received zero complaints – a proud record and a perfect demonstration of considerate construction practices.

All materials were crushed on site, any concrete or hardcore was then stock piled for re-use at a later date. This approach helped maximise all available resources and reduce the amount of materials taken off-site for disposal.

A PR day was held by the Academy to signal the start of the demolition. The highlight of this was the Academy's founder and local entrepreneur Jack Petchey OBE taking down the first brick with a 210 excavator.

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