

CASE STUDY

HOLBROOK HOUSE, LONDON

Cantillon has played an instrumental role in the start of Holbrook House's new life as contemporary London office space. The drab 1950s building required complete refurbishment. Before renovation work could commence, Cantillon had to undertake a full soft strip of the premises, demolition of almost an entire floor – all whilst working around the busy periods of two popular public houses situated below.

Client:

BNP Paribas Jersey Trust Corporation Ltd

Principal Contractor:

Cantillon Ltd

Contract Duration:

6 months

Contract Value:

£600,000



A highly complex project, it required careful planning and execution throughout, to ensure safe working and also minimal disruption of the premises below. Included in the soft strip was the largest air-conditioning system in Europe. Cantillon's team safely drained this of all ammonia and gases using controlled methods before meticulously removing the entire system.

With a new floor to be built upon the existing structure, Cantillon was required to carry out careful demolition work. This involved the complete removal of one half of the top floor. Additionally, the lift shafts were stripped and subsequently demolished.

New flooring was to be laid as part of the building's remodelling and so Cantillon removed all screed and concrete from the existing floors. There was hollow pot flooring beneath this, which the Architect wanted completely intact. During the removal of the screed, Cantillon's team worked skillfully and carefully to ensure the costly hollow pot flooring remained undamaged.

Throughout the project, Cantillon worked between the two public houses' busy periods. Work ceased at nights and teams only commenced work during each pub's particular quiet times to ensure their clientele were not disturbed and allowing them to continue business as usual.

Now complete, the building has been left in a safe and clear state, ready for the developers to begin the rejuvenation of Holbrook House, transforming the space into modern office space.



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