



Reclamation of historic hospital facade

Altrincham, Greater Manchester

Client: Citybranch

Value: £360k

Site area: 3,000m²

Timeframe: 18 weeks

End use: community health centre

Challenge

Reclamation of Altrincham Hospital's 19th Century facade, concurrent with demolition of the existing building to make way for a new community health centre.

We had a tight 18-week deadline to complete works, and a strict budget. This was complicated by the hospital's busy town centre location and involvement of multiple stakeholders.

The facade reclamation methodology was a specific planning condition, with the facade unable to be accessed prior to de-build. This meant a high-quality method statement was critical to the project going ahead.

McAuliffe's experience discharging planning conditions was key to this project.

Solution

We submitted a highly detailed methodology for regulatory approval. This included CAD designed drawings, with different features tracked to ensure all salvageable materials were retained.

Using in-house and external reclamation experts, we agreed the delicate hand-dismantling of the facade, incorporating these features into the final build.

A specialist designed scaffold was erected to minimise

damage to sensitive materials.

We dismantled them lift-by-lift, carrying out structural demolition to the rear building concurrently.

Reclamation and conservation experts were kept onsite to examine reclaimed materials in real-time, confirming their viability for the main build and numbering bricks on each feature.

Our team conducted complex traffic management on a live one-way system, and were actively involved in open consultation days, letter drops and responding to social media enquiries.

An intensive, six-week notifiable asbestos removal programme was carried out under enclosures.

The programme ran concurrently with soft strip and other elements of structural demolition to meet client deadlines.

RESULTS

- Project completed to strict time and budget requirements
- 50 individual historic features – including intricate arches, windows, and doorways – retained for inclusion in the new build