



**KEY INFORMATION:**

CLIENT: Manchester City Council  
 LOCATION: Beswick, Manchester  
 VALUE: £675,000  
 CONTRACTOR: EQUANS  
 START - FINISH DATE: November 2020 - April 2021  
 SECTOR: Demolition  
 FORM OF CONTRACT: PSPC 5

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

**EQUANS was tasked with the demolition of a former police station by close client Manchester City Council.**

The £675,000 scheme involved the demolition of a former police station, built in the 1960s, which had been empty since 2015. The police station comprised of four connected buildings (five-storey building, four-storey building, single-storey building and a welfare building), with a large basement car park under three of them.



The derelict building had ongoing issues with squatters and travellers moving in, as well as vandalism problems. Manchester City Council had to employ 24-hour security on site at a cost of over £80k a year.

The works needed a careful approach. That was mainly due to the fact that a lot of materials had to be 'soft stripped' from the building and extra care was needed to properly dispose of the asbestos in the building. Once this has been completed, we worked closely with specialist demolition subcontractor P.P. O'Connor on demolition works. Now the buildings - one of which was five storeys tall - have been removed, neighbouring homes have more sunlight.

**SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE:**

- Two Employability Skills Workshops held
- 30 students carried out virtual work experience
- Collecting for 'The Bread & Butter Thing'
- Virtual work experience during pandemic

The hardcore and other building arisings has also been reused on site with a mobile crusher utilised to turn it into backfill material for the basement car park.



The team also received a Certificate of Excellence from the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) for their efforts.

*The site appears very professional and well managed, presenting a positive image of the industry..... The pandemic has hindered the company's usual corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities but the remote work experience initiative seems an excellent response. Excellent measures are in place to protect the environment. The recycling of demolition materials is worthy of being communicated to the public as part of challenge common negative assumptions about the industry's care for the environment.*

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