

BETHEL STREET POLICE STATION



8 Weeks

Duration

£111,510

Value

PROJECT OVERVIEW

INNOX was contracted to undertake both licensed and non-notifiable asbestos removal works within Bethel Street police station by MJS Projects for the large refurbishment project that was undertaken in 2023-2024

The ACMs were mainly in the form of thermal insulation within the service risers, plant room and floor voids. There was some non-notifiable ACMs in the form of asbestos cement packers and window boards.

SCOPE OF WORKS

The removal scope included:

- Licensed removal of thermal insulation and asbestos residues from service risers, plant rooms, floor voids, and service tunnels.
- Non-notifiable removal of asbestos cement packers, window boards, and other minor ACMs.
- Construction of multiple licensed enclosures, including oversized Airlocks/Baglocks, negative pressure systems, CCTV monitoring, and controlled access points.
- Full wet-removal methodology including surfactant spraying, continuous shadow vacuuming, and multi-stage fine cleaning.
- Installation of crawl-board systems and specialist scaffolding to safely access confined loft areas, deep voids, and boiler room structures.
- Additional boiler room works: removal of Uni-strut brackets, plant fixings, residual contamination, and wall preparation/encapsulation under fully controlled conditions.
- Safe waste handling using sealed wheelie bins and disposal to a licensed hazardous waste facility under the consignment note procedure.
- Welfare setup including a full Decontamination Unit (DCU) and coordinated transit/waste routes across the live police site.
- Completion of independent 4-Stage Clearances for all licensed work areas.

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KEY CHALLENGES

- Strict Police Vetting: All operatives required advanced background screening, taking over 4 weeks to process.
- Heritage Constraints: Original floorboards and fixtures had to be preserved, catalogued and reinstated in exact order.
- Confined Spaces: Service tunnels and deep floor voids required confined-space controls and rescue equipment.
- Restricted Access: Live police operations on the wider site required controlled movement and segregated transits.
- Concurrent Trades: Multiple contractors working simultaneously required tight coordination for waste, access and DCU usage.

HOW INNOX OVERCAME THESE

- Supplied a fully vetted team with police-approved clearance.
- Installed a catalogued floorboard removal process to protect heritage features.
- Implemented confined space entry procedures, including gas monitoring and rescue provision.
- Designed oversized Airlock/Baglock systems and specialist enclosures for risers, voids and boiler room works.
- Installed controlled crawl-board routes to ensure safe access through tight loft and void areas.
- Coordinated closely with MJS to maintain safe waste and transit routes during busy site operations.
- Delivered all works through strict compliance with CAR 2012, including continuous shadow vacuuming and surfactant application.

PROJECT OUTCOME

- All licensed and non-notifiable asbestos safely removed across the full police station complex.
- Every enclosure successfully achieved 4-Stage Clearance 1st time.
- Zero incidents recorded throughout the 8-week programme.
- Additional works absorbed and completed within the revised schedule.
- Full compliance with heritage, confined space and operational policing requirements.
- Project completed on time, within budget, and to the satisfaction of the client.