



Demolition of Mitchell High School & Heathfield School

Location:	Stoke-on-Trent
Scope:	Demolition of Mitchell High School & Heathfield School
Disciplines:	Asbestos Removal, Soft Strip, Demolition, Site Clearance
Client:	Stoke-on-Trent Council
Programme:	12 weeks
Value:	£420,000

Following a competitive tender, Ron Hull Demolition Ltd were selected as Principal Contractor for their second Demolition project for Stoke on Trent Council.

Following a successful project in 2016, RHDL were chosen as preferred bidder for the Asbestos Removal and Demolition of the Former Mitchell High School and Heathfield School in Stoke.

Both projects were running concurrently and located a few miles apart. Both projects started at the same time with Mitchell High School due to take 10 weeks, with the smaller Heathfield School scheduled for 5 weeks.

A letter drop was organised by RHDL for the surrounding residential area of both sites to keep the residents aware of sequences of Demolition, aiming to minimise any potential disruption.

Mobilisation started on both schools by establishing the CDM boundaries and undertaking pre-CCTV surveys. Asbestos teams were first onto site, removing all ACM's and allowing RHDL's soft strip division to work through each block of the respective schools. Once asbestos removal and soft strip was complete, mechanical demolition was undertaken with excavators working from top down, in a lateral method, keeping all arisings within the footprint of the building. Demolition commenced at the entrance of both sites, working through both schools until each block was demolished.

Crushing of hardcore arisings to backfill voids site took place at the end of each project, with RHDL levelling the sites to be handed back to the Council ready for redevelopment. All work was completed on time, to budget, and most importantly – safely.



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