

Case Study – Asbestos - Professional Partnership Support



Sensitive project: Large leisure centre, Central London

Project value: Approximately £52,500

Project overview

The Client (a large local authority) and the managing company had commissioned a Management asbestos survey of the leisure centre by a third party. This survey had highlighted a number of contaminated areas which had resulted in access restrictions being put in place. Extensive environmental cleaning and encapsulation was required to make these areas usable again.

PCL was employed to plan, specify, and procure the works on behalf to the managing company and carryout all necessary air monitoring and onsite management for the Client.

The project was highly sensitive with even local press having been made aware of a potential asbestos hazard at the centre. The management company and Client had suitable management plan in place but had a desire to lift the current access restrictions where possible.

Duration: 34 days (onsite for environmental cleaning)

What we did

PCL reviewed the management survey with the Client and carried out a number of walk through planning meetings to develop a scope of work. PCL then wrote a detailed specification outlining all of the works, site requirements and logistics.

Following approval of the specification by the Client, this was issued to six licensed removal contractors with the invitation to bid for the work. PCL met the contractors at separate intervals onsite to walk through and discuss the works. Sealed bids were to be returned to the Client. The Client opened the bids in the presence of a member of the management company and signed each of them. The bids were forwarded to PCL for review and recommendations.

Following PCL's recommendations, one contractor was awarded the works. Various planning meetings were had and the contractor was able to develop their RAMS and subsequently submit notification to the HSE for the works. A start date was set and the contractors underwent specialist training in order to maintain the swimming pool functions plant for which would have been in the areas affected by the works.

PCL were onsite for the duration of the work carrying out personal, leak, background, reassurance and clearance air tests. PCL were also in constant communication with the leisure centre management, management company, Client and contractors to ensure the project ran smoothly. The works were completed to the Client's satisfaction on time and on budget with no closures or disruption to the public.

What the Client said

"This was a difficult project in a high profile area carried out professionally, on time and in budget and with full consideration given to all parties concerned."