

Saint Gobain Pipelines

Former Use:	Foundry & Concrete Works Warehouse
Client:	Saint Gobain Pipelines Limited
Value:	£97,000
Location:	Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich

The work carried out was demolition, specifically the removal of asbestos cement roof sheeting and side panels in accordance with established best practice.

Where safely accessible, sheeting was removed whole using operatives working on scissor lifts and cherry pickers.

However, in other areas of the site, the asbestos cement sheeting was in poor condition or not safely accessible by hand and therefore removal by machine was implemented. In this instance the floor area below was first cleaned off and the floor and areas of sheeting to be removed were dampened down with water, prior to pulling sheets down to floor level in a systematic manner with a tracked excavator. The resultant floor materials were then loaded up into a machine bucket for transfer to disposal skips.

A burnt out building led to Building Control confirming that the building was dangerous and immediate action was needed to remove the danger. This two storey brick building had to be speedily removed.

Provectus, acting on behalf of the site owners Saint Gobain Pipelines safely demolished the building.



Notifiable asbestos containing materials were present inside the structure, but could not be safely removed by specialists as the building was too dangerous.

Demolition rubble impacted by the asbestos containing material was therefore treated as contaminated and was removed off site in waste skips to a licensed landfill with all appropriate duty of care documentation.

This was a prime example of having to adapt to changing circumstances and work with a client and authorities to obtain a safe and economic outcome.