

IRONMONGER ROW

LONDON EC1

Clifford Devlin were appointed to undertake the enabling works for the £16 million restoration the historic Turkish Baths and public laundry located in Central London.

The 18-month programme included renovation of the main pool while retaining its historic length of 32m, installing a new teaching pool with moveable floor and creating a new, larger gym, and two new exercise studios.

The works were carried out in two phases. The initial phase involved the strip-out of all non-load bearing structures including the learner pool and opening up of the internal structure for investigative purposes.

Phase two involved the installation of extensive temporary works to support the structure and its heritage roof during the structural demolition of floor slabs and retaining walls to reconfigure the buildings internal structure.

Careful dismantling and planning enabled us to salvage the building's original panelling and tiling which was used to create replicas for the rebuild phase.

Our multi-disciplined team were also called upon to carry out various structural alterations including the formation of voids, installation of padstones and lintels.

We worked closely with English Heritage during the deconstruction and removal of the trainer pool to facilitate an archaeological investigation.

Discipline: Demolition / Building works

Duration: 14 months

Value: £950k

Principal contractor: Wates

Client: London Borough of Islington

The enabling works for this project were extremely complex due to the presence of listed structures and features in the building. Clifford Devlin's experience and expertise in this type of project enabled us to work closely with them to overcome a series of technical challenges and deliver the works to a tight programme.

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