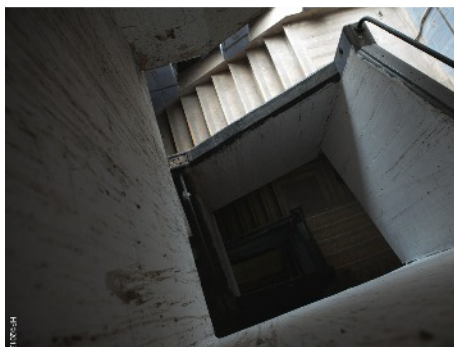


Poplar Baths



Client:
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Location:
Poplar, London

Value:
£5k

Commenced:
September 2010

Duration:
2 weeks

In Sep 2012 we were appointed by the Borough to carry out a refurbishment and demolition asbestos survey of Poplar Baths - a historic, Grade II listed Victorian building in the heart of London's East End which is being renovated. The surveys followed an asbestos strip-out project carried out by a removals company in 2010.

During our initial assessment of the project we identified significant extent of materials which contained asbestos and communicated this immediately to the client's surveyor. We also raised concerns that previous occupants may have been exposed to asbestos during their daily operations in the building since the incomplete strip-out. In response we arranged and project-managed disturbance air-testing to be carried out which involved controlled 'removal works' by a licenced removal contractor and concurrent air testing to assess the likely exposure that tenants may

have encountered. In the event the test results revealed very low exposure levels and did not exceed the control limits to the relief of all concerned.

Our thorough survey, which was carried out by a two-person team over the course of 5-days totalled over 1000 square metres and included the entire basement,

ground floor, first floor, second floor and boiler room. We identified substantial amounts of asbestos containing material that the previous survey/removal project has missed in service penetrations, boiler room, swimming pool itself and several pipe runs.

Subsequently we were retained to project-manage the removal works.

We were impressed by the way Global Environmental planned and managed this complex survey project. Their conscientious approach enabled them to identify considerable volumes asbestos containing materials that had previously been missed which contributed to the health and safety of the renovation process.

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