Project Profile :: Public Buildings

Houses of Parliament Framework Agreement

Client: Parliamentary Estates Directorate

Scott White and Hookins’ Role:

- CDM Consultants
- Health and Safety Consultancy

Term commission for all works carried out within the Houses of Parliament. Individual projects/commissions include:

- CDM Consultants for refurbishment of cast iron roofs (£7m)
- Special event planning for a major Westminster Hall Exhibition
- Roof and plant room risk assessments
- Encaustic Tiles Replacement programme (£8m)
- Various toilet refurbishment projects (£300k each)
- Major Refurbishment projects (£6m and 12m)
- Westminster Hall Roof Repairs
- Other refurbishment Projects, Statue Cleaning etc
- Toolbox Talks (H&S Consulting)
- Term Contractor Audits (H&S Consulting)
- Audit of Asbestos Management Plan
- Short and medium-term plant room repairs (£1m and £27m)
- AFD emergency works projects throughout the Palace of Westminster (£3.2m)

Lessons learnt:

There are many diverse parties impacted on by any construction work on the estate. To facilitate this we have established regular ‘forum’ meetings, in which issues associated with our performance on the term commission are openly discussed, with issues followed up at subsequent meetings.

We believe that the key cornerstone to the success of any project on a historic site is being able to work together in a communicative team environment and to build lasting relationships with the Client’s representatives, the design team, contractors and other stakeholders associated with the framework agreement.

Commitment by all parties to this common goal, we believe, engenders mutual respect and cooperation.

This in turn provides a element of synergy to projects, where the exchange of ideas within the team becomes second nature. Understanding amongst the parties that can facilitate an anticipation of problems before they arise on subsequent projects within the framework.