

BRITISH MUSEUM

CLIENT: Dalkia UK
LOCATION: London
SECTOR: Leisure
VALUE: £5.3m

SCOPE

Downwell Group is delivering a multi-year programme of civils enabling works at the British Museum, one of London's most prestigious Grade I listed cultural landmarks, following appointment by Dalkia UK. The project forms part of essential modernisation works and is being delivered within a live, publicly accessible heritage environment.

Working within the Museum's basement and surrounding areas, Downwell is carrying out specialist civils enabling works to support upgrades to the building's heating and drainage infrastructure, applying a coordinated and carefully controlled delivery approach suited to a sensitive historic setting.

The scope includes:

- ▶ Creation of new sub-floor spaces for essential pipework
- ▶ Specialist civils works within confined basement environments
- ▶ Coordination around existing structures and live services
- ▶ Rigorous heritage protection measures throughout delivery

CHALLENGES AND EXPERTISE

The project presents a range of technical and operational challenges, including:

- ▶ Working within a Grade I listed, internationally recognised heritage asset
- ▶ Operating deep below ground in restricted basement spaces
- ▶ Protecting historic fabric, collections and existing infrastructure
- ▶ Managing strict noise and vibration limits through continuous monitoring
- ▶ Maintaining uninterrupted Museum operations and visitor experience

The works are delivered by an experienced project leadership team, supported by specialist capabilities across demolition, environmental management, scaffolding, fire prevention and complex civils operations.

PROGRESS AND OUTCOME

The enabling works are progressing as part of a wider programme of improvements, providing a carefully planned platform for future development phases. Downwell's integrated delivery model is enabling essential infrastructure upgrades while the Museum remains fully operational, reinforcing the Group's reputation for complex, high-profile enabling works solutions.



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