

## Cutting through the Cold War – what goes up must come down

To dismantle the hardened aircraft hangars at Alconbury, which were designed to deflect freefall bombs during the Cold War, our contractor had to use specialist attachments that can “munch” through steel reinforced concrete in excess of half a metre thick. Another specialist machine – the guillotine breaker – was used to smash the runways and taxiways, which in places were nearly one metre thick. By constantly learning and improving we were able to reduce the demolition time per hangar from three weeks to three days and overall the Phase 1 school site and housing area were broken out and prepared in only 12 weeks, despite being in excess of 10 hectares.

# 12 weeks

to break out 10 hectares of former cold war airfield

