



# Northampton PFI Survey

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The Northampton PFI schools project is currently the largest PFI education project in England (value approximately £150,000,000). Our client, Galliford Try, is the construction partner of the preferred bidder, Babcock and Brown. BPG was contracted to carry out a condition survey together with a detailed assessment of the various building elements and to provide data management and reporting services for the refurbishment works and drafting implementation specifications for the contract.

BPG designed the survey and the underlying database to provide flexibility and to provide a clear audit trail for amendments to the final design.

Initially, the survey was undertaken to identify works to existing schools to bring them to acceptable environmental and development standards. Cost estimates were produced to determine the likely total expenditure required to bring the schools to a uniform standard.

Survey data from the schools were then linked to the BPG database of component lives and maintenance requirements to produce lifecycle plans for the various properties.

This data was then used with the National Building Specification system to provide specification and work-schedule documents for use by the construction team during the backlog and construction phases.

**Client:** Galliford Try Ltd  
**Project Type:** Redevelopment and management of primary and secondary schools for the local authority.  
**Sector:** Education  
**Duration:** 30 years  
**Contract Value:** £150,000,000



## Benefits

Using database technology to manage the huge amounts of information produced by a project of this size has a number of advantages over more commonly used tools such as spreadsheets:

- There is a clear audit trail of decisions made.
- A common basis for communication between contracting parties as there is only one source of data.
- Focused reports are easily generated from the underlying data. Data can be 'rolled up' to produce summarised information or BPG can 'drill down' to examine individual items of work.