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Tender awarded for Crowne Plaza demolition

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The contract to demolish the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 70 Kilmore Street has been awarded.

The Canterbury Earthquake Authority (CERA) has been working closely with the building owner Eureka Funds Management and their representative from The Project Office, in awarding the demolition tender which has gone to Mackay Leighs Demolition Limited.

"The deconstruction of the Crowne Plaza will be carried out by conventional means over a 27 week period," said Warwick Isaacs, head of Operations for the Canterbury Earthquake Authority.

"The building will be stripped of all materials then a combination of excavators and a 40m ultra high reach will be used to demolish the structure. The basement will be removed and backfilled and the site will eventually be grassed over.

"Demolition will commence today and will be completed by late June next year," said Mr Isaacs.

There will be no changes to the roading configuration at this time.