



Open Space at Southpoint Serviced Offices

Southpoint Serviced Offices is a two-storey building in Lowfield Heath next to Gatwick Airport. It offers leased and serviced office accommodation and virtual offices.

The Southpoint team provides tenants with the offices and resources they need to run their businesses smoothly. Per Bertelsen, who manages the building, found that the fire doors to the kitchens were becoming a burden for the people working at the offices.

Fire doors were causing problems

The tenants were trying to find ways to hold their fire doors open in the kitchen areas. “The tenants kept pinning the doors back with wedges. When we had our fire check, they said that this was a serious issue. To try and resolve this problem we removed the wedges, but tenants would just find something else to prop the door open with.”

After seeing how obstructive the fire doors were, there was an obvious need for something that would allow for easier access. Per said: “It posed a problem for us

to tell people not to prop them open. One of the kitchens is so small, it was restrictive for people to move. It was hard to open the door when someone was in there as the door would block them.”





Looking for a solution

“People prefer to have an open space as it is a much more pleasant environment when eating lunch or socialising. It was also difficult to open the door when carrying cups and plates, particularly with hot liquids.”

“Someone mentioned Dorgard as a possible solution, so I researched it. I ordered the product and it came in two days. We turned our situation around in less than a week.”

Wireless Dorgard is “the perfect fix”

The fact that Dorgard is wireless was an additional benefit for Per: “If you’re trying to link a door to an alarm, you have to run cables through and that’s expensive. Dorgard is a standalone product and offers substantial savings as the installation is cheaper. My guy didn’t have to connect it to the existing alarm with wires. You just literally screw it to the door and you’re done.”

“Dorgard is the perfect fix. It’s not an intrusive product, it’s a good solution. It’s inexpensive, reliable and we’re compliant with fire regulations, which is great.”

Peace of mind

“The Fireco team is very good; the customer service is excellent. With other products that I’ve bought, there has been little duty of care. Fireco was in regular contact to see how I was getting on and to ensure I tested the product correctly. I was really impressed with the attention to detail. Dorgard gives me peace of mind that the building is compliant with fire regulations.”

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