



Dorgard SmartSound solves germ control concerns for Vauxhall Motors



Site overview

Sector: Business Premises

Business: Manufacturing

Fireco Solution: Dorgard SmartSound

Solutions Provided: 18

Customer requirements:

- Reduce cross-contamination from touch-points such as door handles
- Assisting with Fire Safety Assessment

Vauxhall Motors Limited is a British automotive manufacturing company based in Luton and they manufacture Vauxhall commercial vehicles.

Concerns over COVID-19 contamination

Staff were worried about the risk of cross-contamination from touch-points on surfaces such as door handles when walking through the building. Fire doors, which had been closed prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, began to be wedged open by staff, as it made them feel safer from germs. Fire safety, however, was being compromised. Vauxhall realised their Coronavirus Risk Assessment and their Fire Risk Assessment were in conflict and something had to be done.



“ We have ensured our workplace is ready for staff to return to work safely now we have lowered our risk of germ contamination and have met the requirements of our Fire Risk Assessment”

James Hall, Vauxhall Motors

After a risk assessment at the premises which combined these issues, and knowing he would need a long-term solution to ensure the safety of all staff, those at work and those returning from furlough, James Hall turned to Fireco for help.

Dorgard SmartSound helps Vauxhall pass a fire safety audit

Site Utility Supervisor, James learnt about Fireco and the solutions we offer after his Fire Risk Assessor recommended Dorgard.

After a phone call to Fireco, Dorgard SmartSound was identified as the best solution for Vauxhall and they bought one to try. Dorgard SmartSound is easy to fit in just a few minutes. It allows the fire door to be held open compliantly. When the fire alarm sounds, Dorgard SmartSound releases, allowing the door to close. Keeping fire doors open reduces the need to touch door handles and stops the spread of germs. After two weeks, Vauxhall was so impressed with Dorgard SmartSound and bought 17 more to fit where needed.

“With Dorgard SmartSound installed on our fire doors, we can keep our doors open safely, knowing that they will close in the event of a fire. We have ensured our



workplace is ready for staff to return to work safely now we have lowered our risk of germ contamination and have met the requirements of our Fire Risk Assessment with Dorgard SmartSound”

For more information on how Fireco can assist with your back to work strategy and germ control, call our team today 01273 320650