



## Council puts a stop to wedged open fire doors

Based in the Tees Valley region of the North East of England, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council has many branch sites which run a variety of organisations, schools and partnerships throughout the community. These sites aim to help improve the quality of life of the region's residents and make a real difference.

### The problem

Staff at some of the sites would prop or wedge open the fire doors as they were heavy and difficult to handle. Following a fire inspection, it was suggested that the council sought a solution to allow fire doors to be kept open safely. This would eradicate the need to use door wedges, and improve access throughout the buildings on the different sites.





### The solution

The council searched for a product which would keep doors open but still ensure safety in case of a fire. After researching different options, Dorgard was installed. Dorgard allows fire doors to be kept open, closing them automatically when an alarm is activated.

Dorgard has now been installed at various properties belonging to the Local Authority. A spokesperson at the council said: "It has made life much easier. Staff can move around freely and there is no more wedging or propping open of doors."

### The outcome

- Easier access for staff throughout buildings
- Compliant with regulations
- Non-disruptive trustworthy solution.

The council found Dorgard to be reliable, unobtrusive and very easy to use, with no disruption on a day-to-day basis.

The spokesperson continued: "Staff are alerted with a beep if the batteries need changing and Dorgard was easy to install. Fireco gives a great, fast and friendly service, and any orders usually arrive within a few days of purchase."

"I have recommended Dorgard to several different companies as it is such a fantastic product and Fireco offers great customer service."

**Complying with the relevant British and European standards, Dorgard is an ideal solution to the common problem of wedged open fire doors.**

