



City of London Protects Mansion House with Dorgard

The City of London Corporation looks after the fire safety of 900 properties, including the Mansion House, the home and office of the Lord Mayor of London.

Built in 1739, this spectacular listed building holds a variety of events including banquets and conferences. The Mansion has a warm and inviting feel, with unique large gold leaf doors which lead into the dining room. It's estimated that 50,000 people visit the Mansion House every year.

Heavy doors a nightmare for staff

Terence Short is Fire Safety Advisor for the City of London Corporation. His role is to maintain safety for their clients at all times and reduce the risk of fire. Terence found that the current fire precautions at the Mansion House, while effective in keeping the fire doors closed, wasn't practical for accessibility.

Terence said "We needed the fire doors closed so they can compartmentalise in case of a fire. However, there is a lot of staff at the Mansion House, with catering staff often setting up the dining and banquet rooms. We installed spring closers, but we found that it wasn't

practical. The staff were propping them open as the doors were too heavy and inconvenient."



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Access made easy

A solution was required to make accessibility easier for staff, but not affect the Mansion's elegant decor. "The property is protected by laws and regulations and the doors are much higher than standard sized doors. We were stuck for a solution for this, so we asked Fireco."

The Mansion House holds 600 events a year, so the need for access and safety is vital. Terence found Dorgard to be the solution he was looking for.

Dorgard is a fire door retainer, which holds fire doors open in any angle and releases the door to close when the alarm sounds. The Dorgards stabilised the great length and weight of the doors, so they are safe and easy to keep open.

A 'win-win situation'

- Keeps compliance with regulations
- Easy access for and staff and guest
- Fits in with the unique decor
- Holds the weight of the large and heavy doors with ease

Terence commented on the significant reduction of risk to the premises "We can control the building a lot more effectively. There is easy access for staff as they can carry out their duties without the need to prop open doors, and the property is fully compliant as Dorgard reduces the risk of fire spreading through the building. It's a win-win situation."

"The technical department was fantastic. They advised on everything to the floor plates so the door doesn't slip. When we test the alarms, the doors close every time and it's a very easy device to install and maintain. Fireco provides a great service."

