

## CASE STUDY:

# Meadows Shopping Centre - Chelmsford, UK

## RESTRICTED ACCESS, SECURE STORAGE INSTALL

### The Building:

The Meadows Shopping Centre is a modern indoor shopping centre with over 40 stores and restaurants. It is owned by and managed by Jones Lang LaSalle who manage a property portfolio that includes 140 shopping centres across the UK.

The shopping centre is open seven days a week and is visited by over seven million customers annually.



### The Challenge:

Keeping the centre operational for extended periods is vital for the shop owners and customers. Maintenance of the building is therefore essential and none more so than the fire system that keeps the shops, their staff and customers safe at all times.

The maintenance of the fire system is done by WFP Fire and Security who pride themselves on making sure all detectors are tested in accordance with the buildings maintenance schedule. This diligence comes at a cost, and some detectors are more inconvenient and time consuming to test than others.

One example is the shop storage rooms. These are stores which hold surplus stock or general equipment and are locked by the store owners. Access to these is only available while the store owners are present in the shopping centre i.e. during operational hours, however maintenance of the fire system can only be done

out of hours. As such, when maintenance is required, the key holders are often not available.

### The Solution:

Scorpion changes all this. Scorpion is a functional smoke test system, where the smoke generating head is mounted next to the point detector in the restricted access area, and operated from a control panel mounted in a convenient location outside the area.

Visual checks can now be done during the working day when shop staff are available for access. The maintenance of the fire system continues to be done when the shopping centre is closed and the fire system can be de-activated. This is convenient for both shop staff and maintenance engineers and ensures that all detectors are fully tested and inspected.

***“We had an inherent problem at the Meadows with being able to test our smoke detectors which are located in the store rooms where we do not have access out of trading hours. Having Scorpion installed has enabled us to ensure that our system remains compliant with current standards.”***

*Teresa Gottschalk, Operations Manager at Meadows Shopping Centre.*

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