

Client case study:

Harrods Village Apartments – Hammersmith, London

The Harrods furniture depository, situated along the banks of the Thames, Nr Hammersmith was a former warehouse of the famous store and has now been converted into numerous luxury penthouses and apartments.

The challenge

- Our client had a new apartment project which also consisted of a fire alarm system and intruder alarm previously installed by another company.
- Both systems were down powered and inoperative
- The compatibility to meet regulation requirements for both systems was not known by our client
- Were the previous installed systems electrically safe and regulation compliant?

Our solution

Ryder Security Systems visited the site and alongside our electrical contractor partners initially established safety and functionality for the electrical circuits. We then proceeded to power up both systems and conduct a full maintenance and inspection for both systems.

For the intruder alarm, following our thorough inspection, testing and site risk assessment, we were able to provide recommendations for the alarm to be upgraded to meet our necessary industry standards. Several alarm options were presented including 24 hour monitoring and for the hardware, polished brass keypads which were in keeping with the aesthetics of the building.

The fire alarm was tested and inspected and a faulty sounder device was located. We immediately dispatched a new unit and re-installed the replacement. Several recommendations were also made including additional sounders adjacent to where people are sleeping as per BS 5839 Part 1:2002. Additional wiring for the proposed devices could possibly affect the central fabric of the building due to its historic nature, so a wireless system integrated from our suppliers EMS Group would provide a cost effect solution with minimal disruption.

