



OPENVIEW UPGRADES ELECTRICAL AND SECURITY SERVICES AT SKY CITY

Sky City is a housing complex occupying the upper floors of Wood Green Shopping Centre which is located in the London Borough of Haringey. The centre is six storeys high, but only the lower two floors are occupied by shops. The 'village in the sky' comprises three and four storey terraces where more than 500 people live.

The Challenge

Metropolitan, one of the UK's leading providers of affordable housing, care and support services, wanted to upgrade electrical and security services for more than 200 properties at Sky City. The contract would involve working closely in partnership with Metropolitan's management team as well as residents to ensure that the work was completed on time and within budget and any problems were quickly and efficiently resolved.

The Solution

OpenView Group was awarded the £2.1 million contract to carry out a unique combination of electrical and security work throughout Sky City.

The first phase of this complex project was to install a new rising lateral mains electricity supply which required close and ongoing liaison with residents and UK Power Networks to minimise disruption during the changeover.



OpenView also provided temporary electrical supplies for two residents which had special medical equipment that needed continuous power.

The second phase was the installation of a new door entry system to provide increased security and reduce the level of anti-social behaviour experienced across the estate. OpenView manufactured and installed new doors and entry-phones at each property.

OpenView also completed a thorough fire risk assessment to ensure all structures were fully compliant with current building regulations. No major issues were found and the company reinstated any fire protection surfaces that had degraded over time.

The final phases of the contract were the replacement of all communal and emergency lighting and the manufacture and installation of new perimeter fencing to provide greater protection to residents.

Working in this unique location required over 2000 sq. metres of scaffolding to be erected to provide a safe working environment throughout this challenging project. OpenView also had to demonstrate high levels of planning expertise to manage logistics and deliveries on a 'just-in-time' basis.

"As a leading supplier of security, fire and electrical services to the housing sector, we were delighted to be awarded this contract which demonstrates our versatility and ability to complete complex, major projects in short timescales," commented Pat Sweeney, Partnership Director at OpenView Group.