

Shurgard implement state of the art security measures at its largest facility in the UK, located at City Airport

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Shurgard, the leading provider of self-storage solutions, has reinforced its commitment to the safety and security of its customers' belongings by implementing state-of-the-art security measures at its largest facility in the UK, located at City Airport.

The Rising Demand

Self-storage facilities are essential for individuals and businesses seeking flexible storage options. In the UK, there are around 2,000 self-storage facilities, and their numbers continue to grow annually. There has been a [2.65% rise](#) in available self-storage facility options compared to the previous year.

Shurgard offers convenient access, extended operational hours, and a range of unit sizes to cater to diverse storage needs. Security remains a top priority, with the implementation of advanced measures such as cameras, perimeter fencing, alarms, and individual access codes across all facilities.

Safeguarding Solution

[Jacksons Fencing](#), a trusted security solutions provider, specified for five installations at previous Shurgard sites, was entrusted with the task of installing a comprehensive security solution for the Shurgard Self-Storage facility at City Airport. Spanning 5 floors with 1,350 storage units, this facility is the largest of its kind in the UK. The strategic location, just five minutes from the airport, necessitated a robust automated entry solution to ensure the security of the premises.

Selecting the appropriate perimeter fencing is essential for both the security and visual appeal of self-storage facilities. Sentry® vertical bar fencing was chosen for the City Airport facility, featuring the added Security Comb topping for increased protection against climbing. This choice establishes a distinct boundary to discourage unauthorised access. It offers a discreet visual deterrent, while maintaining clear visibility through the fence.

The galvanised and powder-coated black vertical bar fencing aligns with Shurgard's branding, achieving a consistent aesthetic across all sites. With a long lifespan and environmental credits awarded through the galvanisation process, this fencing solution is both durable and eco-friendly, requiring no additional painting throughout its life.

Tailored Security Solutions

Sentry vertical bar fencing is ideal for medium to high-risk sites, offering customisation options such as fence spikes, barbed wire, razor wire, and anti-climb features. Its unintrusive design strikes a balance between security and customer comfort, making it optimal for commercial premises like self-storage facilities.

The visibility provided by Sentry fencing ensures effective surveillance without obstructing facility lighting or creating hiding spots for potential thieves. In contrast to cheaper alternatives, Sentry vertical bar panels offer superior durability and aesthetics, and a lower lifetime cost.

The Grand Entrance

In addition to the fencing, a substantial 7-metre-wide cantilever Sentry automated gate was positioned at the primary entrance. Mirroring design elements found in the fencing, this gate ensures secure access for storage units with ground floor accessibility and general vehicle entry. Additional safety enhancements include photocells, manual release, flashing warning lights, and keypad entry for authorised individuals, ensuring a secure and well-regulated environment.

Safety at Every Step

In addition to vehicle access gates, single leaf Barbican Imperial pedestrian gates with mesh were strategically placed for pedestrian access outside the main reception area. This measure minimises the need for pedestrians to be near automated gates, enhancing safety and efficiency.

Commenting on the successful project, Peter Jackson, Managing Director at Jacksons Fencing, expressed, "This project is pivotal for Jacksons Fencing, showcasing our commitment to delivering customised security solutions that contribute to the safety and success of endeavours. As the demand for self-storage facilities grows, robust security installations become imperative. Our versatile Sentry fencing, tailored for Shurgard's largest self-storage facility, incorporates advanced security features, while the cantilever Sentry automated gate guarantees controlled access. Our ongoing commitment is to meet and exceed the evolving security needs of our clients."

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