



## **Braintree District Council Access Control Door Security - A Case Study**

### **Organisation**

Braintree District Council is a local authority based in Essex, in the South-east of England. The district was formed on 1 April 1974 by the merger of the urban districts of Braintree and Bocking, Halstead, and Witham. Braintree district lies at the heart of rural Essex, spanning some 236 square miles (612 km<sup>2</sup>) between the key regional centres of Cambridge, Colchester and Chelmsford. This is the second largest district, by area, in Essex and has the fifth highest population with more than 142,000 people. The district is made up of 30 wards, represented by 60 councillors. For further information see [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)



**Business Sector:** Local Authority

**Number of employees in head office:** 300+

### **The Business need**

As a Local Authority Braintree District Council (BDC) employs a large number of staff in a wide variety of roles. Its main offices are also busy with many visiting members of the public and local councillors who are actively involved in all aspects of the organisation's responsibilities and who are responsible for making decisions on behalf of residents about local services and budgets. As well as the main offices in Braintree, the council also have another office facility in Witham.

In common with most other organisations today, the council is becoming increasingly aware of the need to protect staff, visitors and assets. The building was undergoing refurbishment and as part of this project the decision was made to install a secure door entry system to the main offices in Braintree as well as to the Witham offices.

#### **Key Targets**

- Secure environment for staff, councillors, and visitors
- Modern access control system
- Access rights management to be simple to apply and update
- Simple and reliable operation

### **The solution**

The solution proposed by Allday Time System was a PC linked Access Control system with proximity badge readers on each door. The system includes both the hardware and software necessary to create secure yet flexible control, with access to different zones, and can be configured to allow time-zoning and multi-tasking if required. Reports on locations and movements of personnel can be customised to meet the individual needs of different organisations.



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### Products supplied

#### Access Control Software



#### Access Control Proximity Readers



### The result

The project began in 2011 and was completed in Spring 2012. The installation included the badge readers, initially on seventeen doors, and the appropriate software to control and monitor access to different zones. Training was provided to ensure that users and managers were fully able to operate the system. Ongoing technical support has been provided both through a telephone support line, and by on-site engineers as and when required. A further three doors have since been included in the system.

#### Benefits

- More secure building for staff and visitors
- Software integrated into existing network
- Provision of initial training, and ongoing support

Darren Butler of BDC says:

*"The Allday team have been very helpful and the Access Control system installed on 20 of our doors has achieved our objective of having a more secure building for our staff and visitors. We'd be happy to recommend Allday to others with similar needs."*

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