



## CASE STUDY

# Old Sessions House

Sector: Commercial, Hospitality

Services: CCTV, Access Control, Intruder Alarm

Old Sessions House, Ennismore, Clerkenwell Green

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Case Study Number: 1

### Requirement

This was a complex design and build project including door entry, access control, intruder alarm and CCTV system at a heritage building during an extensive refit for a trade partner involved in the refurbishment for a hotel group tenant and its foreign owners.

### Project Information

This was a sensitive and listed building, being the historic venue of the dreaded "Middlesex Sessions" was the last many criminals saw of freedom. There is a special staircase to bring persons up from the cells (which stretch under Clerkenwell Green in front of the building) to the court in front of the magnificent Judge's banquet hall.

On completion of the 3 year long refit, the building was to be occupied by Ennismore, the hotel chain, as well as a separate residency on the upper floors. The requirement for access control and door entry system without intrusive wiring and the limited work allowed to the walls was a big challenge and required careful liaison between the landlord, the builder, English Heritage, the interior contractor for the tenant, their electrical contractor, and Anchor.

### The Anchor Solution

Anchor decided to use the Paxton10 system and with a special order Urmet entry panels at outer and inner doors. Fitting and finishes were carefully chosen to tie in with existing building fittings from hundreds of years ago. Working with the original doors, the stringent rules were adhered to by manufacturing brass fore-plates for special electric locking devices situated flush in the door frames.

CCTV system was discreetly installed to provide Ennismore with coverage of their internal areas yet not the landlord's zone or common areas.

The intruder alarm solution built by Anchor used a Texecom wireless type to avoid using cabling from the doors and windows, and the thick walls and multiple floors required a careful net of wireless signal for the system to operate.

