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Victorian Town Hall Gets Hochiki's 21st Century Detection

Middlesbrough Town Hall, a Grade-2 listed Victorian building, has had its fire safety brought up to date following the installation of a new fire detection and alarm system incorporating the latest Hochiki sensing and sounding technology.



A total of 280 Hochiki devices were installed under the watchful eye of Middlesbrough Council's building heritage department by Middlesbrough-based TCS Fire Safety Services, working in association with Mouchel, the Council's design and engineering strategic partner.

In addition to its civic role, the 120-year-old neo-Gothic building is one of the region's leading performance venues where world-class acts attract audiences from across the northeast of England. Detection reliability was therefore the Council's key requirement to safeguard the irreplaceable ornate structure and ensure the safety of visitors unfamiliar with the building layout.

Hochiki sensors were chosen for the task because of what Tony Cooney, Sales Director of TCS Fire Safety Services, describes as "their unique ability to react to a wider range of inputs than is possible with the less sophisticated sensors on the market".

The device used throughout the building is the Hochiki ESP [Enhanced System Protocol] analogue addressable Multi-Sensor. This particular sensor has three modes that are controlled from the fire detection and control panel, in this case a Kentec four-loop parallel-wired mineral-insulated MICC fire-resistant cable. The solution has proved so successful in putting a stop to disruptive and expensive false alarms at Middlesbrough Town Hall that Mouchel is now specifying Hochiki and Kentec in all tender documents.