



Global  
Guardians

# Cityside House

Case study

October 2015-October 2016



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Saved by client

**£128,688.00**

*from security, maintenance, insurance  
& business rates*

Cost to client

**£0.00**

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## Overview

Type of Property: Commercial

With an exciting central location, Cityside House was surely one of the most special projects that we have undertaken. Being on the eastern border of the City of London, the property is located in the heart of Whitechapel. The client, JLL, trusted us at Global Guardians to secure their five-storey office block and maintain its good condition before the new owners took over.

The property is a few minutes from the nearest Underground station, located on the corner of Whitechapel Road. Since a planning application had already been submitted to redevelop Cityside House and further expand the space, it was also crucial to ensure that the property remained in its best condition. Our approach seemed to be the perfect solution as per the client's needs. We placed 15 Guardians in the block, which helped prevent the risk of squatters.

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# The Solution

We started the project with a dedicated site visit and carried out a complete risk assessment. This included a thorough inspection of all security, health and fire safety risks by seasoned professionals. We made sure to check that all the basic residential requirements like water supply, electrical facilities and asbestos safety were in place. This comprehensive report was also shared with the client alongside our proposed plan to secure the property. Our experienced maintenance team at Global Guardians addressed all of the key areas to ensure a comfortable living situation for the Guardians. This also included installing necessary kitchen and bathroom facilities such as showers.

We placed the Guardians in Cityside House once the accommodation met our established standards of living. This arrangement allowed the professionals to live in a decent place with low rental costs while the property was, in turn, secured. It also kept the fear of vandalism and theft at bay while saving close to £128,000 for the owner that would have otherwise been spent on the security of the space.

# Our Positive Cultural Impact

The most highlighted social benefit of this project was the opportunity for cost-effective living that we provided to the Guardians. These working professionals found a comfortable property to stay near their workplace without spending much. Additionally, the security of the office block was yet another benefit of the Guardianship setup. With the 15 Guardians living in Cityside House, the worries of possible anti-social behaviour and arson were also put to rest.

Our scheme also helped bring people from diverse backgrounds together, fostering a sense of community and promoting inclusivity. Moreover, we could also contribute to revitalising neighbourhoods and reducing potential homelessness. Our company is proud to have played a role in securing the property for our client while also providing a valuable service to the community.

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## Property Gallery



## Get in touch

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