

GUIDE

Why Delivery Congestion Breaks Buildings at Scale

(And Why It Keeps Getting Worse)



Overloaded Infrastructure



Operational Delays



Rising Costs & Complaints



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Modern buildings are not designed for today's delivery volumes.

What was once a manageable flow of parcels has become a constant stream of high-frequency deliveries.



And as volume increases, one issue becomes unavoidable: **Congestion.**

Reception areas fill. Corridors overflow. Staff are overwhelmed.



Because: Buildings were designed for people — **not parcels at scale.**

What Is Delivery Congestion in Buildings?

Delivery congestion occurs when the volume of incoming parcels exceeds a building's ability to:



Receive deliveries



Process items



Store parcels



Distribute to recipients

This is common in:



Offices and workplaces



Residential buildings



Mixed-use developments



Universities and campuses



Healthcare facilities

The result:



Overflowing reception areas



Delayed deliveries



Disorganised storage



Increased operational pressure

Why Delivery Congestion Gets Worse at Scale

As delivery volume grows, system weaknesses compound—creating congestion, delays, dissatisfied users, and operational strain.


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1 Delivery Volume Has Exploded

E-commerce and hybrid working have driven:

- More frequent deliveries
- Smaller, individual shipments
- Higher daily parcel volumes

Buildings that once handled dozens of deliveries now handle:

 **Hundreds per day**



2 Deliveries Arrive in Waves

Couriers operate on schedules, not building capacity.





This creates:

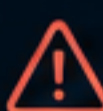
- Peak delivery windows
- Sudden surges of parcels
- Backlogs at reception



3 Reception Becomes the Bottleneck

Most buildings rely on reception to:




-  Accept deliveries
-  Log parcels
-  Notify recipients
-  Store items

 This creates a **centralised, manual bottleneck**. One desk cannot handle hundreds of deliveries efficiently.



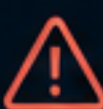

4 Storage Space Is Not Designed for Volume

Typical building storage:

-  Limited backroom space
-  No structured system
-  No scalability

As volume increases:





- Space fills quickly
- Overflow spreads into public areas
- Organisation breaks down

 **More volume. Less space. More chaos.** 




5 Manual Handling Slows Everything Down

Each delivery requires:

-  Acceptance
-  Logging
-  Sorting
-  Storage

This creates:

- Delays per item
- Staff dependency
- Reduced throughput




 **Manual steps = longer cycle times and lower efficiency.**




6 Collection Adds More Congestion

The problem doesn't stop at delivery.

When recipients arrive to collect items:

-  Queues form
-  Staff are interrupted
-  Congestion increases

 **This creates a second wave of operational pressure.**



At scale, small inefficiencies become big disruptions.
More volume. More pressure. Worse outcomes.



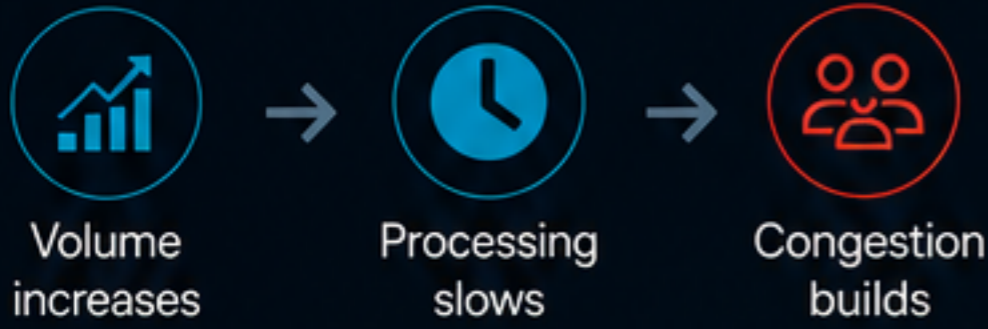
The solution is not more staff or more space.
It's system-enforced delivery management.

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The Core Problem: Centralised, Manual Systems

Delivery congestion exists because: All activity is routed through a **single, staff-dependent** system.

At scale:



The Scalable Solution: Distributed, Self-Service Delivery Systems

To eliminate congestion, buildings must move from:



Smart Locker Delivery Systems

Smart lockers decentralise and automate delivery management.



Direct-to-locker delivery

- Couriers deposit items directly
- No reception bottleneck



Eliminates storage overflow

- Structured compartments
- Controlled capacity



Removes collection queues

- Recipients collect independently
- No staff involvement



Enables parallel processing

- Multiple deliveries and collections at once
- No congestion point



Provides real-time tracking

- Full visibility of deliveries
- Reduced loss and confusion





Decentralise. Automate. Eliminate Congestion.


Smart locker systems create scalable, efficient, and future-ready buildings.


Real Operational Impact


With smart locker systems:

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Delivery congestion is eliminated
Parcels go directly to lockers. No queues. No bottlenecks.
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Reception workload is reduced
Staff are freed from manual tasks and interruptions.
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Storage space is optimised
Parcels are stored securely in lockers, not backrooms or counters.
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Occupant experience improves
Convenient, contactless collection anytime.
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Operational costs decrease
Lower labour, less storage, fewer inefficiencies.



The Bottom Line

Delivery congestion is not just a volume problem. It is a system design failure.

At scale:

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More deliveries arrive
Volume grows every day.
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Manual systems slow down
Staff and processes can't keep up.
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Congestion becomes unavoidable
Bottlenecks, delays and frustration increase.

The solution:



It's not to manage deliveries better.

It's to redesign how they are handled entirely.



Eliminate congestion



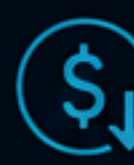
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