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### **New wig-wag signals announced by Siemens**

**Siemens has introduced a new range of warning signals for use in the vicinity of premises used by emergency service vehicles. Commonly called wig-wag signals, the new product range includes both newly developed signals and extensions to the existing range of Siemens traffic controllers.**

Based on Siemens proven ST900 Low Voltage (LV) and Extra Low Voltage (ELV) controllers, the new wig-wag solution has been approved to Highways Agency specification TR2513. The wig-wag signals use the proven Helios central light source modules that are widely installed throughout the UK.

According to the company's Head of Product Management, Keith Manston, the new wig-wag signals can be combined with normal intersection control offering reduced equipment requirements where wig-wags are required close to an intersection.

Recently commissioned on behalf of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Siemens' first wig-wag installation has recently commenced operation at the Peterlee fire station on Shotton Road to the west of the A19. On behalf of the County Council, Malcolm Sinclair, Traffic Signals Team Leader stated: 'The Fire Service required a system which would alleviate concerns regarding safety and delay when fire engines were leaving the station on emergency calls. As reliability of such a system is paramount in achieving this, using a state of the art controller based on the ST900 gives a lot of confidence. From a maintenance point of view, it is also reassuring to know that spares and support will be available for years to come.'

The wig-wag signal is used where the need for a vehicle to stop is paramount but often difficult for a driver to forecast. This is unlike a signal change at a junction, or stand-alone crossing, where the need to stop is likely to be regular and the vehicle driver can often see the reason for the impending change. At a wig-wag installation the change can be due to someone pushing a button, in the fire station. This unexpected need to stop requires a different type of signal.

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