

Siemens stages additional Retrofit Roadshows

Following the success of a series of 8 customer events in England and Scotland last year, leading UK traffic technology company Siemens is hosting a further 2 workshops in February for local authority representatives, consultants and traffic engineers in South Wales. The events are being held to demonstrate products in the Siemens traffic portfolio that provide customers with significant energy and carbon footprint reductions.

According to Keith Manston, Siemens' Head of Product Management, the programme of workshops has proved popular among many representatives from both large and smaller local authorities. 'Feedback has been most positive. The widespread interest in saving energy and reducing carbon footprint underpins our approach and commitment to developing and promoting sustainable solutions for our customers', he said.

The workshops focus on a newly developed LED signal head retrofit option from Siemens with the same excellent optical performance as existing Helios signals whilst offering carbon savings of over 75%. The Siemens retrofit enables existing installed Siemens Helios and Peek Elite signal equipment to be upgraded to the latest Siemens CLS LED technology, without compromising functionality and maximising the re-use of existing roadside infrastructure.

The significant carbon impact of existing traffic lamp-based signalling equipment is a growing concern and upgrading via the retrofit option is now regarded as a viable investment whatever the size of scheme. 'There are many thousands of traffic signals installed, but the majority are still fitted with traditional incandescent signal lamps. As well as consuming large amounts of power, the need to regularly replace these lamps has a significant carbon impact, both in the manufacture of the lamps and the vehicle miles travelled', Keith added.

As a direct result of customer feedback at many of the recent workshops, the company is now also considering a LED signal head retrofit option for pedestrian controllers enabling all sites to be fully upgraded and thereby providing additional savings.

Consuming an average of just 9W across a typical dim/bright cycle, the latest Siemens retrofit modules are easily fitted to Siemens Helios and Peek Elite traffic signal bodies, minimising waste and disposal issues - and further enhancing the carbon savings achieved. 'Thanks to the continued use of the well-proven SIRA lens, the optical performances of the signals remain excellent, providing both high brightness and outstanding phantom performance' Keith added.

For new installations, signal heads are available already fitted with the latest LED modules which are fully compatible with the latest controllers.

To receive further detailed information or to register for one of the events email trafficwebmaster.stc@siemens.com or visit siemens.co.uk/traffic

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