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Celebrating carbon and energy savings in Southampton

Three trees provided by Siemens have been planted in Southampton's prestigious QE2 mile as part of the carbon offset programme included in the new traffic signals maintenance contract awarded to the company by Southampton City Council.

Praising the company's performance, cooperation and commitment to deliver sustainable solutions, Southampton's Traffic Signal Engineer, Martin Wylie said: 'We are working with Siemens on a number of initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions associated with our Intelligent Transport Systems. The City has secured funding from the Carbon Trust via the fund administrator, Salix, and is currently deploying low energy LED traffic signals across the City with an estimated reduction in carbon emissions in excess of 400t per annum. Southampton is using a combination of low energy products including Siemens ELV technology and LED retrofit solutions'.

Recognising both the carbon and energy savings achievable through Siemens traffic products and the company's excellent delivery performance, Martin Wylie, has been full of praise for the company - noting the performance of the factory and field services in particular.

The company's ELV family of environmentally-friendly controllers and signals can reduce energy costs and carbon footprint by up to 75%. Offering improved lamp monitoring of very low power LED signals and increased electrical safety for both maintenance staff and members of the public, the ELV portfolio sets the standard for traffic and pedestrian control.

A newly developed LED signal head retrofit option from Siemens 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.

Martin added 'The LED Helios retrofit from Siemens is a perfect solution and delivers the same energy savings as ELV. Thanks to the Carbon Trust and Salix finance, the project further demonstrates the great sustainable and environmental opportunities that working with Siemens can offer'.

About Siemens in the UK

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