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Siemens welcomes extra Government support to reduce carbon footprint

Leading traffic technology company Siemens has welcomed the recent announcement by the Government to provide public sector organisations with additional financial help to take advantage of energy efficient technologies. In partnership with Salix Finance (<http://www.salixfinance.co.uk>) and the Carbon Trust, the scheme will provide interest free loans enabling Local Authorities to invest in the latest energy efficient products in order to save money on their energy bills and significantly reduce carbon emissions.

Commenting on the announcement, Keith Manston, Siemens' Head of Product Management, said: 'With a growing portfolio of Traffic products and solutions aimed at minimising carbon emissions and the damaging effects of road congestion, we are already well placed to help traffic managers and local authorities make use of this funding opportunity'.

'Of particular interest to our Local Authority customers who may be considering a Salix application is our recently launched LED Helios retrofit solution' Keith added. 'The Helios retrofit enables existing installed signals to be easily upgraded to the latest LED technology, providing power and carbon savings of over 70% compared with the earlier incandescent lamp solutions, without compromising functionality or infrastructure investment'. Easy to install and offering full lamp monitoring compatibility, the low-power retrofit provides a sustainable solution with minimum waste coupled with high optical brightness and outstanding phantom performance.

The retrofit option is the latest addition to the Siemens portfolio and complements the highly successful ST900 ELV (Extra Low Voltage) intersection and ST750 ELV pedestrian controllers, which many local authorities have already adopted to reduce carbon emissions and improve safety.

About Siemens in the UK

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