

TOWN PLANNER

£20,000 to £60,000

Related jobs: Chartered Surveyor , Estates Officer

Dictionary definitions

Town Plan-ner
Noun

Someone who plans the way in which towns and cities are built in order to make them pleasant to live in.

DESCRIPTION

Town Planners look at the way we use land, trying to balance the needs of housing, jobs, transport, leisure and the environment. A Town Planner's responsibilities will include assessing sites, making planning briefs and co-ordinating projects.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Excellent organisational skills

The ability to undertake research and evaluate data

The ability to work as part of a team

The ability to make objective judgements

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

As with most jobs there are many ways into the profession. The Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment may be useful for this role. One example of a progression route could be:

JUNIOR POSITION

Junior Town Planner
£20,000
A degree accredited by the RTPI

MID POSITION

Town Planner
£29,000
As before but with chartered status

SENIOR POSITION

Senior Town Planner
£55,000+
As before but with management responsibilities and experience

RTPI = Royal Town Planning Institute

Case Study

I grew up in Trinidad and Tobago, an area where rapid development has been occurring over past years. I realised that it is important to develop sustainably, rather than just looking at it purely from the developer's perspective of rapid profits.

I gained my first degree in Biological Sciences and started my career with Waltham Forest Council in the Planning and Policy team. Then I embarked on a part time, RTPI accredited Masters degree in Spatial Planning. I did this for one day a week as I continued to work in the planning team.

I am anxious to become a Chartered Town Planner with the aim of working in the public or private sector both in England and abroad.

The issues you deal with vary immensely, from the environment to housing issues and community needs - the list goes on. You can really feel like you have made a difference in society which is exhilarating. Whatever you are interested in, there is bound to be some kind of link with planning - just give it a chance!

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