



Beth Lawrence

Junior Planning Consultant

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Urban Planning graduate from the University of the West of England with practical experience in development management, planning policy research, and community consultation. Completed a **6 month placement** at a planning consultancy where I contributed to **10 planning applications** across residential and mixed-use schemes. Drafted **6 planning statements** and attended **3 pre-application meetings** with local planning authorities. RTPI student member working towards chartered status.

EXPERIENCE

Planning Assistant (Placement), Turley, Bristol

Jan 2025 – Jun 2025

Supported senior planners on residential, mixed-use, and commercial development projects during a 6 month placement.

- Contributed to **10 planning applications** across residential and mixed-use schemes ranging from **15 to 200 dwellings**
 - Drafted **6 planning statements** and **4 design and access statements** for submission to local authorities
 - Conducted **8 planning policy reviews** analysing local plan policies, NPPF compliance, and precedent decisions
- Attended **3 pre-application meetings** with planning officers and **2 public consultations**, taking minutes and following up on action points

Administrative Assistant, Bristol City Council, Bristol

Jun 2024 – Dec 2024

Summer and term-time administrative role in the planning department.

- Processed **120+ planning application registrations** and managed correspondence with applicants and agents
 - Updated the council's planning register database and responded to **30+ public enquiries per week**

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) Urban Planning in Urban Planning, University of the West of England, Bristol

Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

Graduated with Upper Second Class Honours (2:1, **64% average**). Dissertation on the effectiveness of neighbourhood plans in shaping local development in the South West, graded **68%**.

- Relevant modules: Development Management, Planning Law, Urban Design, Environmental Planning, Community Engagement
 - Programme accredited by the **Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)**

SKILLS

Planning Policy Analysis · Planning Statements · Design & Access Statements · NPPF / Local Plan Knowledge · GIS (ArcGIS, QGIS) · Site Appraisal · Community Consultation · Stakeholder Engagement · Report Writing · Microsoft Office · Public Speaking · Time Management

CERTIFICATIONS

RTPI Student Member (Licentiate pathway), Royal Town Planning Institute

Sep 2024 – Sep 2025

LANGUAGES

English – Native

PROJECTS

Neighbourhood Plan Effectiveness Study (Dissertation)

Oct 2024 – Apr 2025

Evaluated the effectiveness of neighbourhood plans in influencing development management decisions in South West England.

- Analysed **60 planning decisions** across **5 neighbourhood plan areas** over a 3 year period
- Conducted **8 interviews** with parish councillors, planning officers, and community group representatives
- Found that **72% of refusals** in plan areas cited neighbourhood plan policies, demonstrating their growing influence

REFERENCES

Katherine Price, Associate Director, Turley, katherine.price@turley.co.uk, +44 7700 900 345

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Committee Member – UWE Planning Society

Sep 2024 – Jun 2025

Helped organise events and site visits for the university's planning society.

- Arranged **4 site visits** to major development sites in Bristol for groups of **20+ students**
- Organised a careers panel with **5 planning professionals** from local authorities and private practice