

## Graduate / Trainee Transport Planner

### **Why work for i-Transport?**

We have five offices – London, Manchester, Basingstoke, Leeds and Solent and around 60 team members. We take on Graduate/Junior transport planner each year to grow the team and assist our senior professionals in delivering development planning projects across the country. Many of our team have been with us for years, progressing and growing alongside the Partnership, to secure senior roles within the Practice: five of our current senior management team started out as i-Transport Graduate/Juniors.

We're a specialist transport planning consultancy, supporting and guiding our clients through the planning process. We work with clients on development planning projects of all types – from gallery extensions to Garden Villages, new Ports and even a Ryder Cup-standard golf course. Transport is regularly one of the most contentious issues for new development, and our advice includes: the layout of sites to prioritise active travel; forecasting of the multi-modal trip generation of new developments; assessing the impact of this on transport networks; and identifying improvements that will both accommodate the development and improve connectivity across communities. Key to our work is stakeholder engagement and cross-discipline collaboration.

It is an exciting time to be a transport planner. Travel patterns are changing – think about the post-covid boom in hybrid working and the renewed focus on active travel, for example. The assessment of the transport impacts of new developments is changing and we increasingly need to satisfy a broader range of policy priorities – related to climate, environment, social inclusion, public health, and accessibility. This requires an innovative approach to transport solutions alongside effective engagement with local communities.

We fully invest in our junior people who we see as the future of the business. We have tailored a comprehensive Development Programme that combines the training, experience, support and encouragement necessary to provide a solid foundation for long-term career success. This includes technical and soft skills, and professional accreditation. Have a look at our website to find out more.

### **What is the role?**

As a Graduate/Junior Transport Planner you will play a key role in supporting our team of experienced professionals in delivering high-quality transport planning services. This entry-level position offers an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field while working on a range of interesting and challenging development proposals.

Your key responsibilities will be:

1. Understanding the needs of our clients, the requirements of stakeholders, and the opportunities and constraints associated with a development project.
2. Understanding the planning process and key policy documents (including the NPPF, PPG, Local Transport Plans, Decarbonisation Strategy, Gear Change etc).
3. Assisting with data collection, including traffic counts, travel surveys, census data, and GIS mapping.
4. Undertaking accessibility reviews, to understand the opportunities for people traveling to/from a site to use active and sustainable travel modes, and the preparation of figures to communicate this clearly.
5. Estimating the trip generation of a development proposal, the likely mode of travel, the distribution and assignment of trips across the transport network.
6. Using industry software to model junctions and assess the impact of traffic changes on capacity.

7. Preparing reports including Access Appraisals, Travel Plans, Transport Assessments, and transport chapters for Environmental Statements.
8. Asking questions, taking notes and critically reviewing the information provided to identify possible solutions for discussion with the project manager.
9. Working directly with clients, architects/planners, highway authorities and developing positive working relationships.
10. Getting involved in business development activities, such as use of LinkedIn and attending networking events.

### **Who are we looking for?**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual with a genuine interest in transport planning and the following skills:

- A Bachelors or Masters degree in a relevant field or equivalent skills/interest in transport planning
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to convey technical information clearly and concisely.
- Strong analytical skills and proficiency in quantitative analysis and data presentation (ideally including the use of Excel and ArcGIS)
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment, and to manage multiple tasks simultaneously to meet deadlines
- Attention to detail and personal responsibility to check your own work
- Ability to develop positive working relationships within the team and with our clients
- Work collaboratively with other disciplines (for example architects and planners) and stakeholders
- Personal drive and a commitment to learning and professional development
- Driving licence (preferable)

### **What do we offer?**

- Competitive salary and discretionary bonus
- Comprehensive benefits package, including pension, health and wellbeing support, season ticket loan, cycle to work scheme, and professional memberships
- Hybrid working
- Opportunity to buy or sell leave
- Collaborative and supportive work environment with opportunities for growth and advancement
- A network of emerging professionals who get together across the business quarterly

Join our leading transport planning consultancy and be part of a dynamic team supporting diverse development projects nationwide. Benefit from hands-on experience and a tailored Development Programme designed to nurture your skills and career growth. Collaborate with experienced professionals, engage stakeholders, and contribute to innovative transport solutions. Enjoy competitive compensation, comprehensive benefits, and a supportive work environment with opportunities for advancement. Apply now and take the next step in your career with i-Transport.