



## Theo Till

### Planning and Development Surveyor

**Entry level salary:** £35,000 + bonus    **Average Salary:** £60,000 + bonus    **Top Salary:** £80,000 + bonus

**KEY SKILLS:** Numeracy • Listening skills • Organisation

### Summary

As a Planning and Development Surveyor, I find and explore locations for new properties to be built upon. I also negotiate how much it will cost to purchase land from landowners to redevelop the space and build new buildings. With over 300,000 new homes built in the UK every year, there is always a need for me to find new locations to meet the needs of the growing population.

### Day in the life

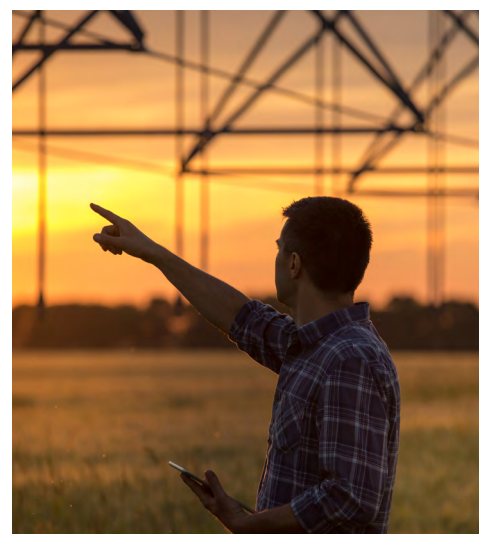
Each day is different, which is why I enjoy my job. When I am not in the office, I am walking the boundaries of land which we have bought, meeting neighbours and telling them about our plans for the re-development of land and visiting current sites where we are building and selling houses to monitor progress. Also, I regularly meet contacts to find out about possible future new site opportunities.

### WOW factor (why I love my job!)

I love the variety of my job. They say that every day is different in property and I can certainly agree. Technology means that I can work in coffee shops, on the train, on holiday (when I have to!) which gives me lots of flexibility. The really fun part of my job is when I meet contacts at sporting events, such as England playing rugby at Twickenham or attending the horse races at Cheltenham.

### How did you become a P&D Surveyor?

What really helped me was work experience. I spent a week shadowing a local surveyor as part of the work experience placement when I was at school. I then studied Planning and Development at University.



### Top tips

My advice would be to get as much work experience as possible to begin building a contact base and get a feel, first hand, for what the job entails. Follow your passion.

- Get some work experience
- Develop communication skills
- Be prepared to listen and learn

GCSEs/A Levels/  
Scottish Highers  
Or  
Non-accredited  
degree

RICS accredited degree

Surveying degree apprenticeship

Graduate Surveyor

Chartered  
Surveyor