

# Transport Planning Society

## Another Successful PDS Completion

Michael Koerber of Mott Macdonald has successfully completed the TPS Professional Development Scheme and he was awarded his Certificate of Completion by the TPS Chair, John Dales, at the TPS Annual General Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Michael is moving forward quickly with his application for the Transport Planning Professional qualification (TPP).



Michael enrolled on the PDS when it was introduced in 2009 and he says:

*“Following the PDS provided me with a framework for developing and obtaining the broad skill-set required for becoming a professional transport planner. It enabled me to systematically record and track the progress of my development resulting in enhanced awareness of my strengths as well as those areas that I still needed to refine.”*

Although Michael’s primary background is in the aviation industry, PDS has encouraged him to learn about and experience the many facets of transport planning working different teams on a variety of projects and with different transport modes.

Michael believes the successful completion of PDS has laid the foundation for now obtaining TPP status and concludes by saying:

*“I would strongly encourage other graduates to consider enrolling on the PDS in order to demonstrate their intent to pursue a successful career in the transportation industry”.*

The PDS currently has well over 300 trainees in the scheme, which includes most transport planning consultancies and a growing number of local authorities.

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