

# Transport Planning Society

## ***Congratulations to transport planning apprentices completing their 2 years of study!***

TPS has been working with CIHT and employers to develop and support the Transport Planning Technician Apprenticeship as a pathway to a career in transport planning. We are now turning our attention to the development of a Transport Planning Degree Apprenticeship as the next step for apprentices wishing to follow a college based route. As the professional body for transport planners, we run the TPS Professional Development Scheme (PDS) which meets the knowledge requirements for the Transport Planning Professional (TPP) qualification. The TPP is run jointly with CIHT and it is the equivalent of Chartered Engineer or Chartered Town Planner for transport planners. Your apprenticeship has been designed to be compatible with both the PDS and TPP.

TPS has regional branches and we organise events across the UK, either alone or with bodies representing land use planners, travel planners, academics, economists and engineers. As you will have found out by now, transport planners have to have a very broad understanding across several disciplines in order to deal with the complex problems currently facing all of us.

Those of you who are nearing completion of the study elements of your apprenticeship will be moving towards the project phase and hopefully a successful end point assessment. After that you will be able to apply for the title of EngTech. We are working on a degree apprenticeship for next year, which will also be compatible with the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for TPP. The routes from apprenticeship to TPP are shown in the attached chart.

### ***What can I do now?***

Some of you may have decided to take a different path from transport planning, but for those of you who want to progress towards the TPP professional qualification the immediate next step will be to join the TPS Professional Development Scheme (PDS). The first thing to do is to check whether your employer is a licensed member of the scheme – most of them will be. You will also need to be a member of TPS – this is free for apprentices and you can do this whether or not you join the PDS. To make this easier you can fill in the form below and email it to us and we will check whether your employer is in the PDS and give you the name of who to contact. We are also aware that some local authorities may not be licensees – we will try to see what arrangements can be made for them.

### ***We hope you can join us!***

Name

Employer (Name and branch where applicable)

If you want to join TPS, please add your email address below

Either hand in this form to a TPS representative or email it to [skills@tps.org.uk](mailto:skills@tps.org.uk)

## Routes to the Transport Planning Professional Qualification

