

**RTPI London Young Planners
APC Snapshot Interview**

Name – Celine Bird

Committee Position – n/a

Job – Planner at CBRE

Previous work experience – Graduate Surveyor at Cityshape Ltd

Date of submission – July 2013

Date of accreditation – September 2013



Range of experience you put in your submission: I submitted in July 2013 by which time I had nearly 2 and a half years experience at CBRE, and 2 and a half years experience working as a Planning and Development Surveyor at Cityshape Ltd. I drew on experience from both roles which provided me with a good breadth of knowledge about the property sector as a whole. I was able to demonstrate that I had experience on a range of projects including small residential schemes to large mixed use proposals. I only used one project for my PCS as I was able to demonstrate that I had met all the criteria - it was a small scheme but uncovered a number of issues!

Were you referred and required to re-submit? I passed first time

Top learning points and pitfalls to avoid –

- 1) Start early** – a common tip I'm sure, but it really makes a difference. By keeping your log book up to date and starting your submission early, it gives you time to prepare a draft, leave it for a while and go back to it refreshed with a critical eye.
- 2) Chose your case studies wisely** – you may be tempted to choose the biggest and most exciting project you've worked on, but if you haven't had that much involvement in it then it may not be the one to chose. It's easier to demonstrate all of the competencies when you've had a bigger role in a project, even if it may not seem as interesting.
- 3) Don't be afraid to show where you went wrong** and how you would do something differently – it's also a good way to demonstrate how you've learnt something.

If you have questions about the APC process the committee are happy to pass your queries on to the membership department at RTPI just drop us a line at rtpiyoungplanners@gmail.com