



## SFA Alumni Profile



**Rachel Anderson – Strategic Project Manager**

### **What do you do in your job?**

I am a Strategic Projects Manager for Taylor Wimpey, working within the Strategic Land function. Strategic land look to source and acquire longer term strategic sites which don't have the benefit of any existing planning permissions to serve the company. We then (as a department) promote these sites through the planning process in order to obtain a planning permission for residentially led schemes.

Most of the sites we look at are larger scale opportunities, with a mixture of commercial, retail, and residential uses.

### **How did you get to where you are?**

I studied Geography, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at AS/A-Level before attending the University of the West of England to study Urban and Regional Planning. After graduating in 2018 I joined the Taylor Wimpey Strategic Land Graduate Scheme.

### **What has been your proudest achievement or what do you enjoy most about your job?**

My proudest achievements to date would be Obtaining membership to the Royal Town Planning Institute. What I enjoy most about my role is having a direct input into designing and planning for new communities which are going to mould the places and societies we live in for years to come.

### **What school subjects do you think are most useful to the job you do?**

Geography, Business Studies, and Law are all subject topics which are relevant to my role.

### **What advice would you give to our students to help them in their career journey?**

Always be open to opportunities to increase your experience and knowledge and to start to build your professional network. Also, don't be afraid to reach out to employers directly in order to create these opportunities for yourself!