

Wada – Land Career Journey

I finished university and was still undecided on a career path. I took a summer job on a construction site on a whim and 12 months later I decided that a career in house building sector was perhaps the one for me. My role there was undefined which meant I was doing everything from cleaning and looking after the site to managing the customer journey from start to finish. This led me to applying to the Taylor Wimpey graduate scheme in 2018.

During the two-year graduate programme, I rotated around every department in the company which gave me a fantastic overview of the function of every facet of the business including; technical, production, land, sales and marketing, customer service, project management, commercial and finance.

What attracted me to land was that every day is different and every new site we look at presents its own unique sets of challenges and opportunities. No day is the same on any given day I could be doing anything from identifying new sites for development, assisting in the preparation of land appraisals and land purchase exercises to attending public consultation events and planning meetings.

Land is very much about relationship maintenance with agents, promoters and landowners to ensure up to date awareness of current and future market opportunities, an aspect of my job that I particularly like. The versatility and depth of skills required for land is what makes my job exciting every day.

I have only just begun my career in land and I know there is so much to learn still, it's not easy! but I have fantastic mentors who are always there to support me and pass their knowledge and experience to me, as well as embrace new ways of working fitting for the new world we live in.