



# Property Development Series

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## Episode 6 – Town Planning

Town planning is another critical part of the development process and this episode once again emphasises the importance of actually getting things right from the start. It is a lot easier to do things correctly rather than having to try and fix them later on, and obviously it helps avoid some dire consequences and really big mistakes by covering issues early on.

There is great value in involving a planner early on when assessing a site to be purchased, and due diligence is increasingly important as the roles relating to town planning become more complex. It is important to keep abreast of emerging changes in policy and trends. There are many freely available tools that will notify you of changes but engaging a good planner will keep you ahead of the game.

Tom Harrington from Meinhardt discusses involving town planning early on, and right throughout the project. Tom encourages developers to engage town planners at the moment the site is purchased and using the knowledge that a planner and an architect can bring to the site purchased.

Tom also discusses:

- Basic checks on a site prior to purchase
- Current hot planning issues
- Minimising cost and reducing risk

Tom is a team leader at Meinhardt who specialises in town planning but also in Engineering and doing master planning, precinct planning and can help with large property projects as well as dealing with small property developers in making sure they get the right permits to their sites. You can contact Tom on 03 8676 1200 and his email address is [tom.harrington@meinhardtgrou.com.au](mailto:tom.harrington@meinhardtgrou.com.au) or the web address [www.meinhardt.com.au](http://www.meinhardt.com.au).

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Please feel free to use the resources that are available on our website [www.buscgroup.com.au](http://www.buscgroup.com.au) . Under the property development section, we have:

- Site pre-acquisition acquisition checklist
- basic feasibility modelling spreadsheet

We also offer a free initial consultation to any listeners who would like to talk further.

You can also register your interest for our property development masterclass and receive a priority invitation and discounted pricing. Please click the image for the full course details.

