

# Homes scheme for former council offices

A block of former council offices in Telford will be converted into 30 homes after being bought by developers for £1 million.

The Mount in Wellington was previously home to Telford & Wrekin Council's children's services department, but was put up for sale after the department was moved to a new set of offices in the town centre.

Now it has been bought by Hama Investments, which previously developed the

Walker building in Wellington, and is due to be converted into a number of luxury houses and flats.

In total about £3 million will be invested into the project, which will see 10 apartments created in the existing building plus 12 houses and two bungalows.

Project manager Angie Kousoulou said: "We will be incorporating leisure facilities such as a swimming pool and gates, to create a high-end, secure environment.

"We have also put in some Edwardian-type double-fronted houses more in keeping with the rest of Wellington.

"The mantra of the company is 'creating affordable luxury' and that's what we want to do."

The properties will go on the market for between £145,000 and £220,000, while the project will also create work for local suppliers and tradesmen.

Mr Kousoulou said the developers would

always look to buy locally to carry out the work.

Telford & Wrekin Council had already obtained planning consent to build the properties, but Hama plans to alter the original arrangements to introduce its own style for the houses, and to reduce the number of flats in the existing building to make them bigger.

The properties will be marketed through Goodchilds estate agent.