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The redevelopment of the Met Police headquarters gets the green light

EVER wondered what it's like to spend a night in the cells? If so, you could soon try out the luxury version, as more police stations

are converted into homes. The latest project to get the green light is the redevelopment of the former New Scotland Yard building in Victoria Street. Famous for its rotating sign, the HQ of the Metropolitan Police will become **Ten Broadway**, providing new homes, retail and office space.

Plans have just been approved to put six striking new buildings on to the 1.7 acre site, designed by Squire and Partners, that will be complete by 2021 (northacre.com).

Meanwhile in Orpington, Berkeley Homes has just launched **Brunswick**

Square on the site of the former police station at the centre of the town, just 18 minutes by train from London Bridge.

The scheme includes one and two-bed flats looking on to a new square and replaces the ugly 1960s police cells (one-bed flats from £295,000, berkeleygroup.co.uk).

In Maida Vale, a Grade II-listed Victorian police station has been converted into a stunning collection of one, two and three-bed

flats. **Westbourne Place** boasts a grand frontage and the project has given new life to an architecturally significant building (one-bedroom apartments from £550,000, savills.com).

Over in Colindale, plans have



recently been unveiled for the £1billion redevelopment of the site of the Metropolitan Police Peel Centre for training recruits.

Redrow London will transform the 49-acre site into a new scheme named **Colindale Gardens**, with the



Smart: Inside one of Berkeley's Brunswick Square flats



Grade II listed: Westbourne Place in Maida Vale

Operation New Build: The plans for the New Scotland Yard site

development comprising 2,900 homes, a new primary school and nine acres of green space, complete with cricket pitch. Amenities will include shops and restaurants.

Even Colindale Tube station will get a facelift as part of the

development, receiving a new plaza and entrance.

And with part of the site retained for the Met to train recruits, this should be one of the safest new neighbourhoods in London (register an interest at redrow.co.uk).