

The first new tenants have moved into one of the Midlands' best-known office buildings, which is undergoing a £1.5m transformation.

Tesco has taken a lease on 3,896 sq ft in TriGate, Nurton Development's refurbished, landmark building on the Hagley Road, Quinton.

The leading supermarket chain is using the space for administration purposes, and also as an interview venue to recruit staff for its new store in Ridgacre Road, Quinton, which is due to open at the end of November.

Duncan Scott, of letting agents KWB, said: "Tesco have moved into the fifth floor in the east wing, and are TriGate's first new tenants since Nurton purchased the building. As well as an administration office, they will use it as an interview base, because it's close to the new store and in a landmark building, so candidates will be able to find it easily. It also has good access to Birmingham, the M5 and M6.

TriGate is a 6-storey office building on the corner of Hagley Road West and Wolverhampton Road, split into three wings, each of 3,896 sq ft, offering nearly 12,000 sq ft on each level, and totalling 73,000 sq ft. The latest deal means leaves 30,000 sq ft available including complete floors on the fifth and sixth. The quoting rent is £12.50.

Guy Bowden, Director of Nurton Developments, said: "All the time, money and effort spent on transforming the building has been worthwhile, because it is now a shining example of what modern offices should offer - flexibility, excellent communications, and city centre-standard accommodation at value-for-money rents. We are delighted that Tesco have become our first tenants."

The refurbishment is in its closing stages and has included stripping back the accommodation and installing a new comfort cooling system, new ceilings, upgraded lighting and new carpeting. The central core area has also been refurbished, with new toilets and the repositioning and enlarging of the reception area. Further car parking spaces have been created, and the exterior is being reclad, bringing the old 70s building into the 21st century.

Current occupiers include Provident Financial Ltd, Reliant Security Services and PPG Industries.

The joint agents with KWB are King Sturge. ENDS