

New law office with training facility plan

A PERTH law firm is bucking the trend and beating the recession.

Kirklands have lodged plans with Perth and Kinross Council for a £1.2 million office and training centre project at Rowan House in Manson Road.

Six new posts could be created with the project pencilled-in for a 2010 completion date if given the green light.

Graham Gibson, senior partner at the 12-year-old firm based in King

Street, said: "We have been looking to move to bigger premises for several years to enable us to expand both our legal and IT businesses.

"We bought the ground behind the car wash on Edinburgh Road last December and expect to invite six new faces to join our legal and IT teams when the development is complete, hopefully in the spring of 2010."

Jobs will be generated in wealth management

and family law sectors.

Mr Gibson added: "On the IT side, a growing number of legal firms throughout Scotland rely on our expertise and the software we write to drive vital parts of their business.

"We plan to provide training facilities and legal and para-legal staff to support the 60 or so firms who rely on us."

Kirklands propose a three-storey office, with potential for rental/sale of the upper floors.