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## **Housing project near ND approved 64 luxury flats and town houses to be built on Ivy Road.**

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SOUTH BEND -- The County Council gave its unanimous approval Tuesday night to a developer who plans to build 64 luxury flats and town houses across from the University of Notre Dame.

David Mathews said the 2.7-acre site is along the east side of Ivy Road, between Twyckenham Drive and Burdette Street. He expects to put 10 buildings on the site, clustered around a roughly 1-acre green space.

Mathews said the buildings will contain 32 efficiency flats that will sell for around \$200,000, and 32 town houses that will sell for around \$400,000.

Drainage will be handled by a series of perforated underground pipes, Mathews said.

The development will complement the Notre Dame neighborhood, according to attorney Marcellus M. Lebbin, representing Mathews. Thomas Duckworth of Granger, whose family owns the property being sold to Mathews, attended the meeting to express satisfaction with the plan.

Mark Lyons, of the Area Plan Commission, said the proposal received a favorable recommendation from Area Plan, subject to the vacation of Ivy Road prior to construction.

In other business, the county approved proposals to refinance a \$17.8 million redevelopment bond from 2001 that paid for infrastructure improvements around the AM General Hummer plants east of Mishawaka.

The council also granted authority to the county's Community Corrections Program to create a building fund that would help pay for the future building or purchase of a structure to expand the program's capacity.

The council unanimously approved resolutions honoring two recently retired local journalists, Mike Collins of WSBT-TV and James Wensits of The Tribune. It praised the two longtime newsmen for the honor they brought to themselves, their employers and their colleagues.

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