

# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

## THE FREEMASONS CHARITY SUPPORTING OLDER PEOPLE

### A NEW HOME FOR ESSEX

To meet the increased demand from Essex Freemasons and their dependants, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (RMBI) is actively seeking to extend its care service in Essex. Our present Home, Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court at Stisted near Braintree, is a listed building and planning authorities will not allow us to expand on this site in order to meet the Government's latest requirement and within an acceptable budget

The RMBI is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for residents meeting the latest regulatory standards for residential care homes. To achieve this we are seeking a site where a new purpose designed Home can be developed. This represents a multi million pound investment in the RMBI's future in Essex.

Our main objective is to meet the needs of our present and future residents and their families and friends and to ensure they continue to enjoy the current high standards of care provided. We have therefore met with them and our staff to keep them informed of our plans. They will continue to be involved in the development process and to be kept apprised of progress.

The RMBI is a registered charity, which operates 17 Care Homes in England and Wales with 1,300 staff and approximately 1,000 residents. Following a major review of its Homes and Operations, the charity is currently investing in expanding its services nationwide. On account of demand and the most generous support of freemasons in Essex both financially and through the work of the Association of Friends of the Home, the RMBI is pleased to announce this investment into care.

For further information on Prince Edward, Duke of Kent Court, please contact Roger Friend on 020 7596 2401.