

MEDIA RELEASE: District to benefit from £100million PLUS investment

A £100 million plus investment plan led by Braintree District Council for the benefit of residents and businesses in the district has been announced.

The projects making up the £100million plus investment are:

- **The Manor Street regeneration in Braintree** - New health facilities, 35 homes, a new and modernised bus interchange with nine stands compared to five, a new 70 bed hotel and a café overlooking a community garden, all of which will increase footfall in the town centre. If planning permission is granted the development could be completed during 2021. **The project is currently awaiting a decision on its submitted planning application.**
- **Improvements to Galleys Corner** in Braintree via Millennium Way Slip Roads. Our investment opened the door to further investment from Essex County Council, Highways England and the National Productivity Investment Fund to make this project happen.
- **An Enterprise Centre** in Witham and a rural business hub in Sible Hedingham to support local businesses start-up and develop.
- **A multimillion pound project to deliver 200 homes** across the district (Braintree, Witham and Halstead) on council owned-land which will mean more homes of the type the district needs.
- **I-CONSTRUCT**– the creation of a Construction Research and Innovation Centre – which will showcase excellence in the construction industry attracting investors, developers and innovators. This exciting hub will serve the entire South East and it will become the place to celebrate new and innovative construction ideas, techniques and technologies.
- **A new and improved healthcare facility** in Sible Hedingham.

The investment strategy is part of the council's plan to become financially independent by 2019/20 **when central government withdraws its funding from local authorities.**

[Note. Extract only, full document issued to all parish councillors following an announcement by Graham Butland at Braintree Town Hall on Wednesday 28th November 2018]