Alf Langley, will perform a groundbreaking ceremony to launch the construction phase of the development.

Tributes to 'distinguished gentleman' who was head of family business

THE former chairman of family business Suters has died a month before his 91st birthday.

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John Suter, (pictured) who lived in Uxbridge until 1948, died peacefully in the early hours of Friday at the Nuffield Nursing Home, in Wexham.

He worked for the family department store, Suters Ltd, which had branches in Slough and Uxbridge for more than 40 vears from the 1930s.

He was chairman of the board for six years, until it was taken over by Owen Owen in 1978.

Uxbridge MP John Randall, who owns family business Randalls in Vine Street. Uxbridge, said: "John Suter was a distinguished gentleman, one of a disappearing breed. He was part of Uxbridge's history.

"He was always very cheerful, and will be missed by the many people he's come into contact with from his days as an Uxbridge businessman to his years of service for voluntary and charitable works."

Born in Ledbury, Herefordshire, the youngest of five children, Mr Suter was



educated at St Paul's, London, between 1921-1925. In 1932 he wed Irene (Bobbie) Margaret Milner with whom he enjoyed 57 years of marriage, most of which were spent at their home in Gerrards Cross until her death in 1990.

He served in the RAF in World War Two, attaining the rank of Flight Lieutenant, before being demobbed in 1946.

The longest serving member of

Uxbridge Rotary Club which he joined in 1934, he received the Paul Harris Award, the highest Rotary honour.

Mr Suter was club president from 1948-49, and was still attending its Friday lunches at Uxbridge Civic Centre until earlier this month.

Gordon Hibbert, president Uxbridge Rotary Club, said: "It was with great sadness we heard John Suter had died.

"He still played a very active part in the club, always willing to be of help at any of our events including the Uxbridge Auto Show, which was a favourite of his.

"He was concerned with the welfare of Rotarians and their families, and was always in good spirits and had a great sense of humour.

"He will be greatly missed by members of the club who wish to convey their deepest sympathy to all John's family."

Mr Suter was a passionate player and follower of sport, and a member of Middlesex County Cricket Club.

He leaves a daughter, three sons, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.