Foreword

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Opportunities for a new world of discovery

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The Accelerator facility is a brand new building in the very heart of the Knowledge Quarter, boasting state of the art laboratories, offices, collaboration zones and meeting rooms with telecom facilities. Intended to support businesses, the Accelerator will provide technology support, business development programmes, a robust network across the Knowledge Quarter and beyond, ultra-high speed connectivity and everything else required to help businesses grow.

It is an exciting time to be in Liverpool. We are on the threshold of an exciting development that will house a number of major city health organisations within a site for acute health and life science industries. Accelerator is located on the site of the new Royal Liverpool University Hospital and the new Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, with plans for further health services and life sciences organisations on the site. Accelerator is close to the city centre, a short walk from Lime Street Station, with M62 close by and two international airports within a 45 minute drive.

The Knowledge Quarter is a mix of health, education, science, technology and cultural organisations. Accelerator is co-located with world-class universities, the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, technology assets such as the Sensor City, clinical research units, and the planned £1 billion Paddington Village development, which will house the Royal College of Physicians northern headquarters.

With clinical and academic facilities and contacts on our doorstep, Accelerator is the ideal place to locate a health or life sciences enterprise that is seeking technology incubation, business services and strong networks.

We stand for collaboration and exploration, combining our efforts and being focused on generating exciting business ventures with the potential to be one of the country’s leaders in the life sciences sector. Come and join us for the exciting journey.

Mission Statement

The mission of Liverpool’s Life Sciences Accelerator is to provide the opportunity, facilities and support that enable successful validation, growth and commercialisation of life sciences start-ups and enterprises taking advantage of Liverpool’s health economy and knowledge base.

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Welcome to Liverpool

Liverpool is centrally located within the UK and with a population of 1.52m, is the fifth largest city in the country.

Since being named European Capital of Culture in 2008, Liverpool has regenerated and transformed into a world-class destination with a dynamic reputation. Liverpool is regularly cited as the most successful Capital of Culture to date, with the prestigious title providing the catalyst for huge investment and building developments within the city. 2018 will see Liverpool attract investment of more than £1bn for an unprecedented fourth successive year, with £14bn of projects either on site or in the pipeline.

The city’s biggest asset is its people - known for their warm welcome and great sense of humour. Liverpool was voted the UK’s friendliest city by readers of Condé Nast and was ranked the fourth best city for growth and investment in the UK, by Arcadis.

With two international airports within a 45-minute drive and a high-speed rail service reaching London in two hours, it has never been easier to get to Liverpool.

Liverpool provides a great setting to explore the great outdoors with 120km of coastline and over 2,500 acres of parks and green spaces. National Parks, Snowdonia, Lake District and Peak District are all within a two hour drive of the city.

Liverpool is also brimming with culture and is internationally recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage City; it has one of the most impressive collections of museums and galleries in Europe. The city not only has a celebrated past as a mercantile hub and gateway, it is now also a must-visit destination for lovers of art, theatre and museums.

The Albert Dock attracts 5 million visitors each year. Located adjacent to ACC Liverpool, the Albert Dock attractions include: the Tate Gallery, The Beatles Story, International Slavery Museum and the Merseyside Maritime Museum. The Museum of Liverpool is the first purpose-built museum in the UK for over 100 years and reflects the city’s global significance through its unique geography, history and culture.

KQ Liverpool

Knowledge Quarter Liverpool (KQ Liverpool) is home to the largest cluster of science, health, education and cultural minds in the city region and is therefore one of the best places in the UK to start, grow and scale-up an innovative business.

Home to the University of Liverpool (UoL), Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), Liverpool Science Park (LSP), the new Royal Hospital and the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, KQ Liverpool is fast becoming one of Europe’s leading Innovation Districts. Due to its overall importance to the city’s economic development, it is a Mayoral Development Zone.

KQ Liverpool is completely absorbed in culture with some of the city’s best bars and restaurants. The unique mix of culture, science and medicine – including KQ Liverpool’s world leading strengths in infection and materials chemistry– combined with stunning architecture and its position at the heart of the city, has already attracted the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and Proton Partners International, who are building the £35m Rutherford Cancer Centre North West, both of which will be based within Paddington Village, KQ Liverpool’s expansion site.
Discover our key sites and buildings
1. RCP North (The Spine)
2. The University of Liverpool Health & Life Sciences Campus, including the Liverpool Bio Innovation Hub and Biobank
3. The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre
4. Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
5. Sensor City
6. The Victoria Gallery and Museum
7. Materials Innovation Factory
8. Liverpool John Moores University, Mount Pleasant Campus
9. University of Liverpool, The Foundation Building
10. Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA)
11. City of Liverpool College
12. Liverpool Science Park
13. Liverpool John Moores University, City Campus
14. Liverpool Life Sciences Accelerator
15. Liverpool Hope University, Creative Campus

Discover places of interest
A. Liverpool Cathedral
B. The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
C. The Echo Arena & Convention Centre
D. Lime Street Station
E. Liverpool Philharmonic
F. Liverpool One
G. The Royal Liver Building
H. Albert Dock
I. Everyman Theatre
J. The Town Hall
K. Central Library
L. China Town
M. Exhibition Centre Liverpool
N. Walker Art Gallery
O. The World Museum
P. Unity Theatre
Q. Liverpool Playhouse Theatre
Accelerator – Where science works

Accelerator is a £25m unique partnership between the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals Trust (RLBUHT) and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) supporting businesses through collaboration, innovation and investment.

Accelerator is amongst good company, with the brand new £335m Royal Liverpool Hospital and the £162m Clatterbridge Centre for Cancer sharing a rapidly expanding Clinical Campus.

With approximately 30,000 sq ft of lettable space, Accelerator is a brand-new building boasting state of the art laboratories including Category 3 labs, insectaries, offices, collaboration zones, meeting rooms and a health food cafeteria.

Crucial to all innovative incubation spaces, the building by design stimulates flow and the exchange of ideas and the meeting spaces enable both formal and informal collaboration across health, research and industry.

For start-ups, SMEs and companies looking to expand their business, Accelerator offers flexible working space for a variety of businesses.

Proximity to the early phase clinical trial unit and Liverpool Biobank gives companies further opportunities for research and development. This focus and concentration of research activity covers all aspects of medical and life sciences research and draws in expertise from additional disciplines such as engineering, chemistry and computer science to develop the next generation of therapies, diagnostics, medical devices and care practices that are transforming human healthcare in the 21st Century. Accelerator brings you into these networks through our organised events and informal contacts.

The North West, and more particularly Liverpool, have been specifically identified by the recent Government Science and Innovation Audit as having the requisite expertise necessary to support and enable life sciences businesses to compete on the global stage.

Standing at the heart of the KQ Liverpool, Accelerator has a core role in encapsulating these resources and offering these opportunities to inventors, enterprises and entrepreneurs.

Commercialising World-Leading Research

Accelerator supports the commercialisation of health and life science research and allows knowledge transfer between business leaders, clinical colleagues and academics.
Become part of a pioneering future

Accelerator houses some of the biggest scientific intuitions, by taking space here your business would be in the epicentre of innovative, world leading life science.
More than just bricks and mortar

We understand that businesses need much more than just a building, which is why we have worked hard to put the vital foundations in place to help your business not only succeed but grow.

Keeping you ‘in the know’

By taking space at Accelerator you will have access to a network of events from across the whole of KQ Liverpool. From business road shows to thematic knowledge sharing events, there will be plenty of opportunities to connect, meet, learn and share.

Accelerator is also part of the UK Science Parks, Incubators and Bioincubators Association (UKSPA) and International Business Innovation Association (INBIA) which will broaden the network available and enhance the reach of the Accelerator.

Encouraging real ‘face time’

Accelerator’s purpose-built meeting spaces have been developed to help you get the best out of your time in the building. Whether you need a formal setting for client meetings or a more relaxed environment to encourage creativity, you will find the perfect setting within the convenience of the building.

There is a mixture of spaces that can cater for smaller meetings of 4-8 people and a boardroom that hold up to 60 for larger events. If you are looking for a space with the wow factor then the spacious atrium provides the perfect backdrop for a drinks reception.

We also know that those impromptu moments can be absolutely priceless for businesses, which is why we provide informal communal spaces and a health food café to encourage those ‘water cooler’ moments.

Business & Tech Support

As anchor tenants occupying the top two floors, LSTM have already established facilities for research into vaccine testing, antimicrobial resistance and vector born diseases, which means that access to specialist laboratories, facilities and expertise is readily available to the businesses in the building.

We also know that development, field and clinical testing, evaluation and application of therapeutic, diagnostic and other clinical/hospital technology poses a significant challenge to small companies, so direct access to the expertise and facilities of RLBUHT is also available for companies considering taking space within Accelerator.

Accelerator also offers a range of specialist function to offer business support, business development and marketing. If there is a specific area that we can not help you with, we will connect you with the relevant organisations to get you the support you need.

The Accelerator team has developed a panel of business advisors, mentors and other experts, as well as senior and executive staff in the RLBUHT, LSTM and external companies willing to support clients. North West Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) and Trustech (both located within the Accelerator) have considerable specialist expertise in this area and can facilitate entry to market.

We also maintain a current directory of various government financial incentives, schemes, tax breaks and other financial support and work with organisations such as North West Academic Health Science Network (AHSN), Invest Liverpool and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to guide and support companies in applications to secure these funds. Accelerator has links with Angel Investment, Venture Capital and Industrial Development Loan providers and works with local entrepreneurs and finance providers to provide access to specific capital funds for businesses in KQ Liverpool.
Accelerator could not be better placed to access some of the city's best amenities. With countless shops at Liverpool ONE, a huge variety of casual dining outlets and cafés on Bold Street and some of the best cultural attractions, and fine dining restaurants on Hope Street, you will be spoilt for choice.

Below are just some of the places you will find within a mile of the Clinical Campus.

**Discover our local amenities**

1. Tesco Express
2. Bite Club Café
3. Caffé Nero
4. Starbucks
5. Victoria Gallery & Museum
6. Costa Coffee
7. Subway
8. Greggs
9. Tesco Express
10. University of Liverpool Sports & Fitness Centre
11. Everyman Theatre & Street Cafe
12. Jenever Gin Bar
13. Frederiks
14. Liverpool Philharmonic
15. Pizza Express
16. Hope Street Hotel & London Carriage Works
17. Oktopus
18. Fabric District
19. The Art School Restaurant
20. Pure Gym
21. LEAF on Bold Street
22. Foundation for Art and Creative Technology (FACT)
23. Concert Square
24. Liverpool Empire Theatre
25. World Museum
For more information or to take space at Accelerator, please email us or visit the website:

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