

# LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY MASTERPLAN

## INTEGRATING THE CAMPUS INTO THE CITY

### INTRODUCTION

The University of Liverpool is £100 million into a £500 million investment programme, the biggest in the city. The central aim is to make the Campus more open and welcoming to the public. The buildings, streets and spaces are being designed with local people in mind. The masterplan has been drawn up in partnership with the city council and the Hospital. New student residences and other high quality facilities are being planned.



The Victoria Building is now a Public Gallery



Extension to the School of Tropical Medicine



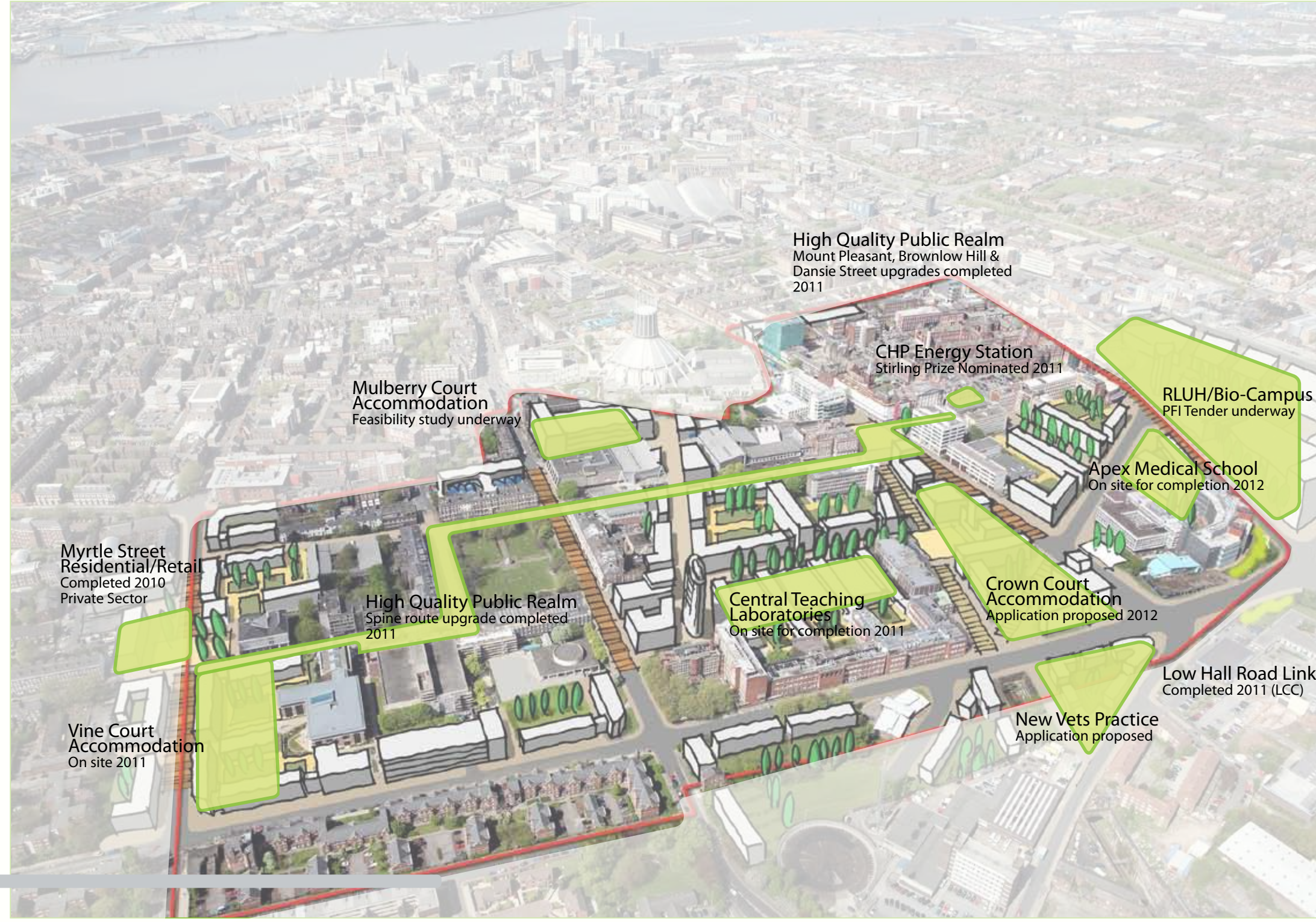
The Mechanical Engineering building

### THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY

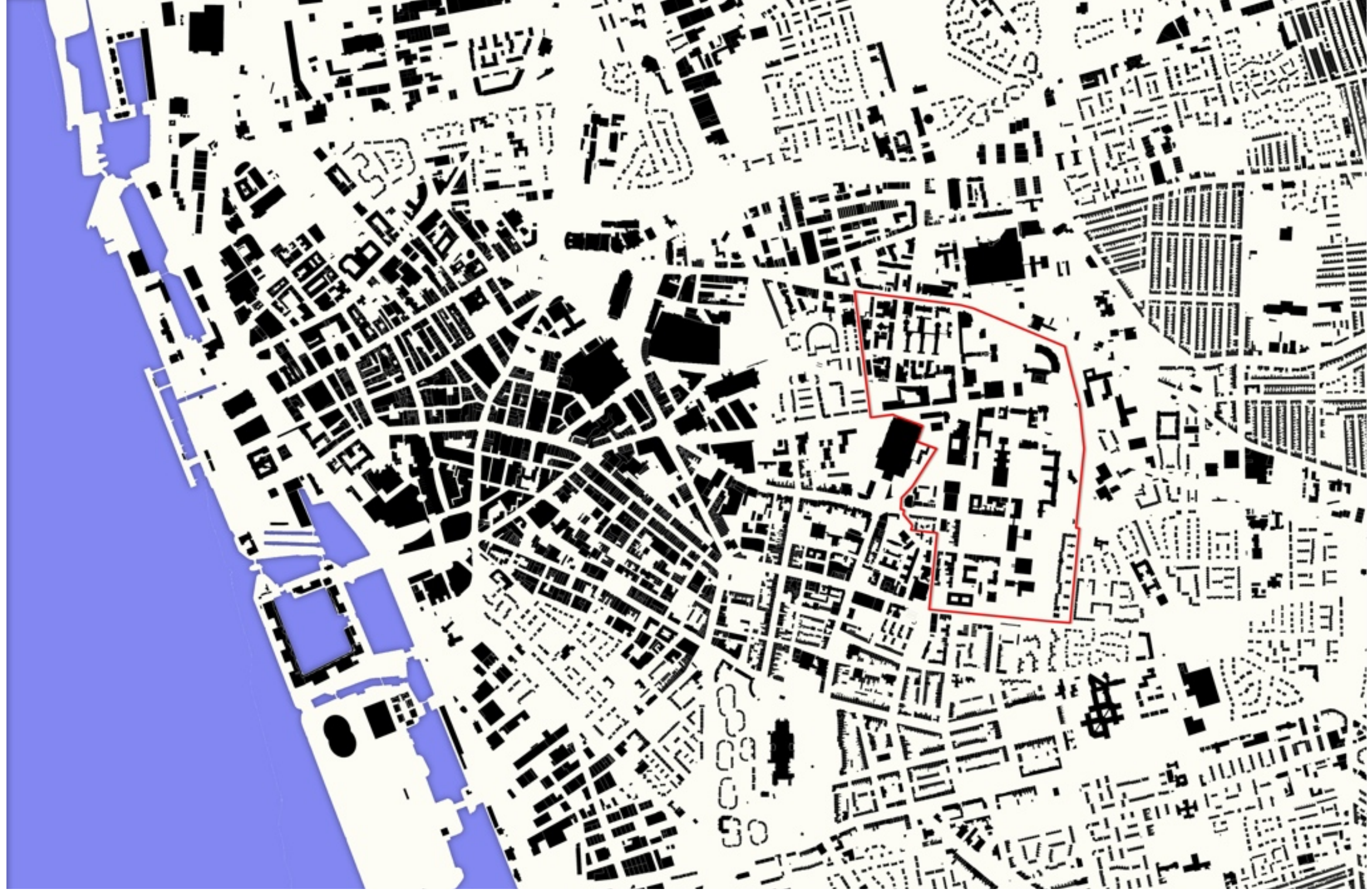


The indicative campus urban design framework

The Higher Education sector generates around £1 billion every year for Liverpool. Around 10% of Liverpool's population is made up of 50,000 students during term time. The University is at the heart of Liverpool's 'Knowledge Quarter', which makes up just 1% of Liverpool's land but sustains nearly 20% of the city's economy. The University directly employs 5,000 people. Many of the staff and students live in the vicinity, helping support the inner city. The University maintains 47 listed buildings and an estate of many acres.



Progress over the last 3 years



A block plan of central Liverpool, the red line indicates the location of the university campus

### RECENT SUCCESSES ON CAMPUS

- £8m Victoria Museum and Gallery – open to all, free of charge.
- University Square – new public space at the gateway to the campus.
- Abercromby Square - refurbishment of listed buildings and public realm.
- Bedford Street and Chatham Street spine route transformed by new paving and planting.
- Investment around Myrtle Street has brought new shops and facilities.
- Award winning environmentally friendly Combined Heat and Power (CHP) energy system.
- Support for new pedestrian routes and crossings round Mount Pleasant, Dansie Street and Brownlow Hill.



The Bedford Street spine before and after street planting improvements



The new energy plant

Granite paving and new street trees

Landscaping improvements



The new cafe in the restored Victoria Building



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## THE NEED FOR CHANGE



Liverpool University needs to meet high student expectations

Liverpool University needs to stay world class to compete in an international context. At present, much of the campus and its accommodation falls far short. Almost half was built in the 1960s and 70s – only 14% is under 30 years old. Just 9% of student rooms are en-suite – compared to 60% in the Russell Group, the 20 leading universities in the UK. Almost 20% of students who turn down places cite poor accommodation as the reason. As student numbers continue to increase, Liverpool University has a pastoral role to provide good living standards at affordable rates.



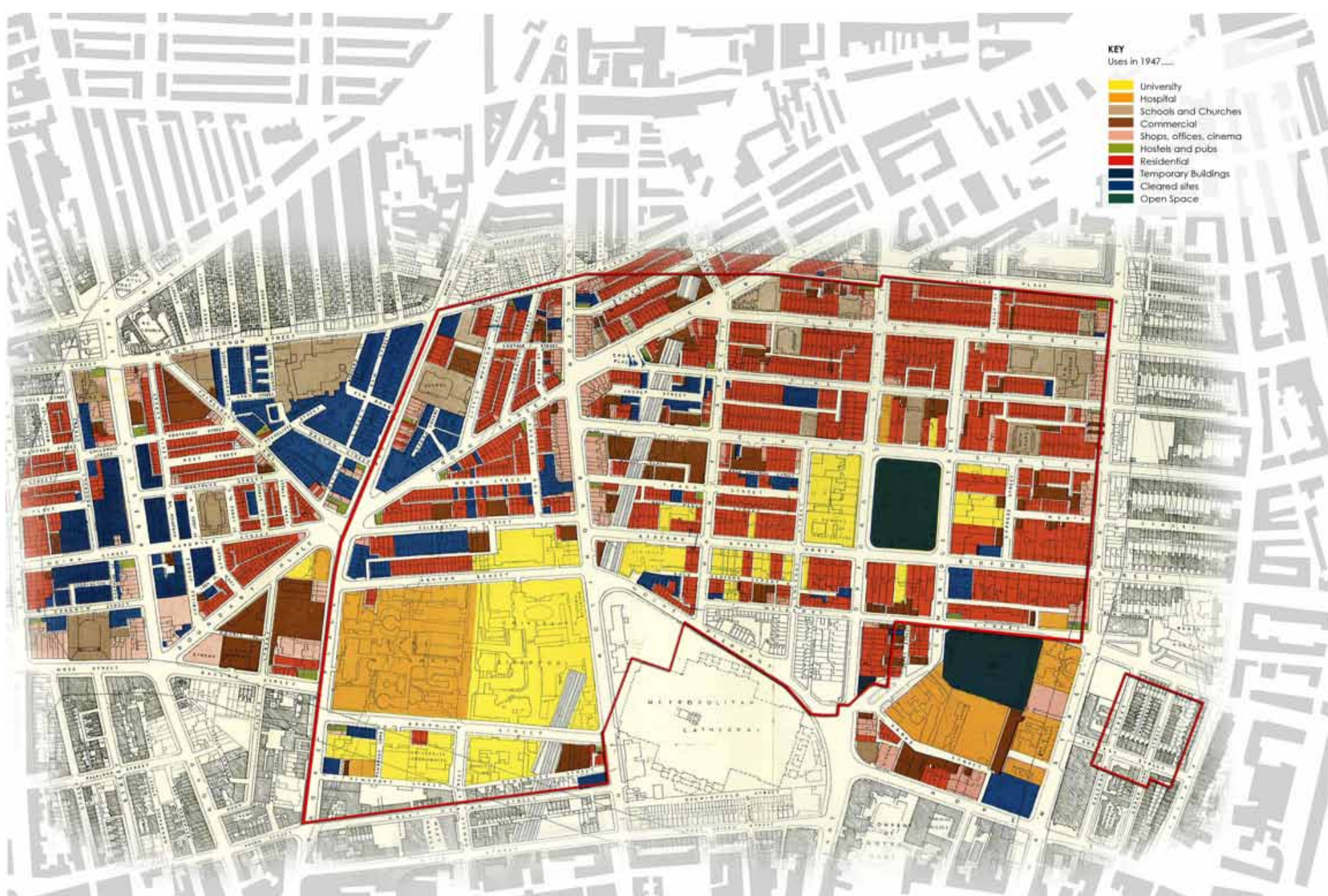
Mulberry Court is one of our newest halls, but is now 30-40 years old



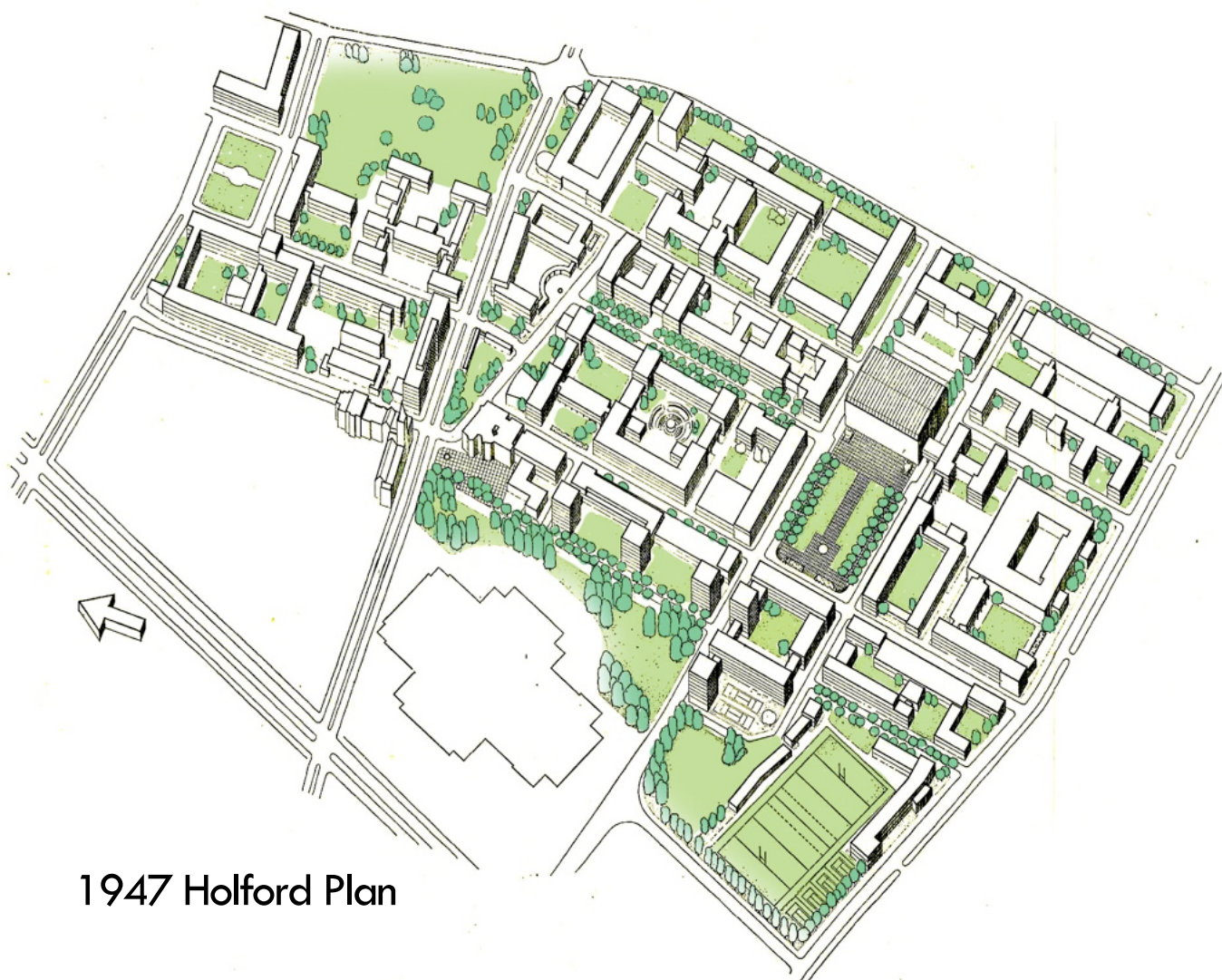
Our Greenbank and Cornatic Halls will be retained and improved with new blocks planned with better facilities

## PUTTING THE MASTERPLAN INTO CONTEXT

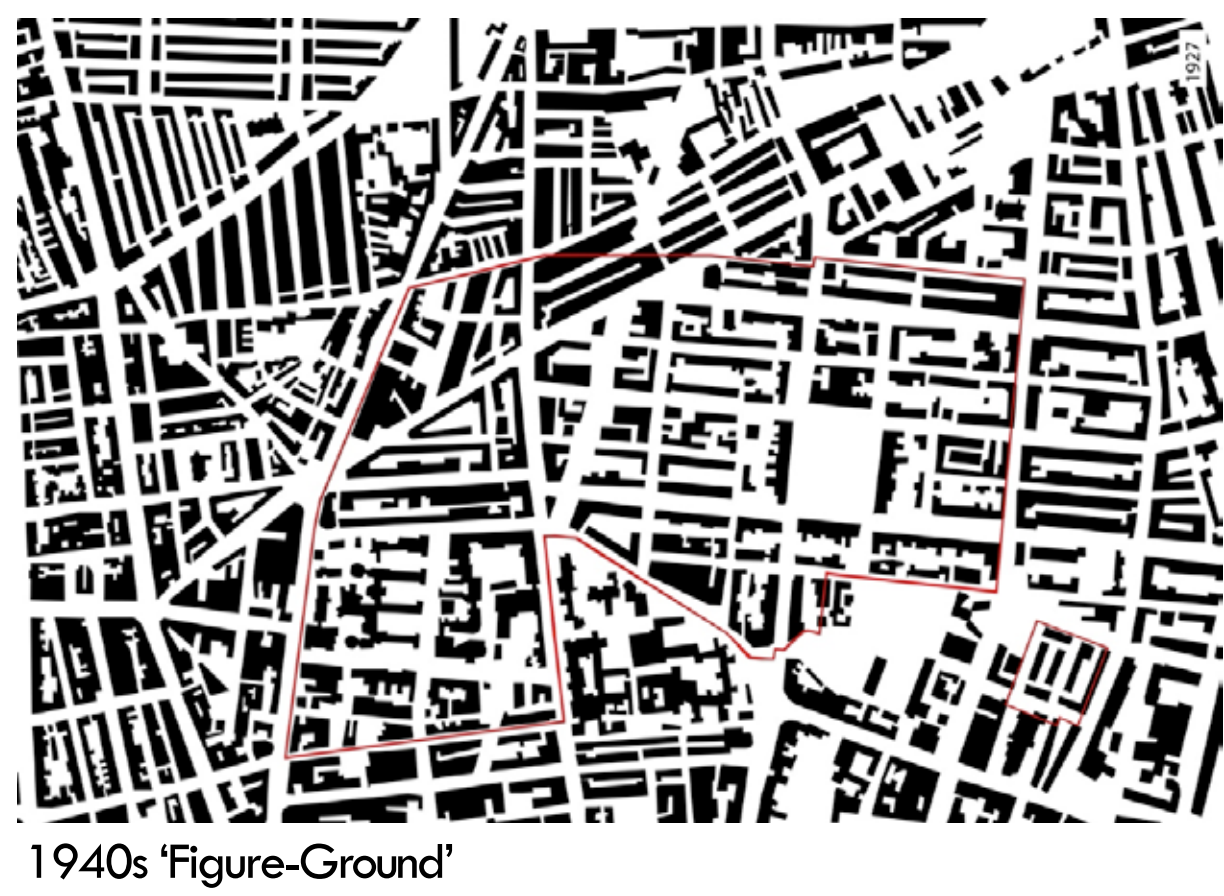
The masterplan aims to open up the campus and reconnect it to surrounding communities. The streets and public spaces will be radically improved to create a welcoming place. New buildings are being specifically designed with ground floor facilities and activity. A network of public squares, street trees and quiet quadrangles is proposed. Activity will return to the 'shatter zone' around the edges of the centre.



The campus area in 1947



1947 Holford Plan



1940s 'Figure-Ground'

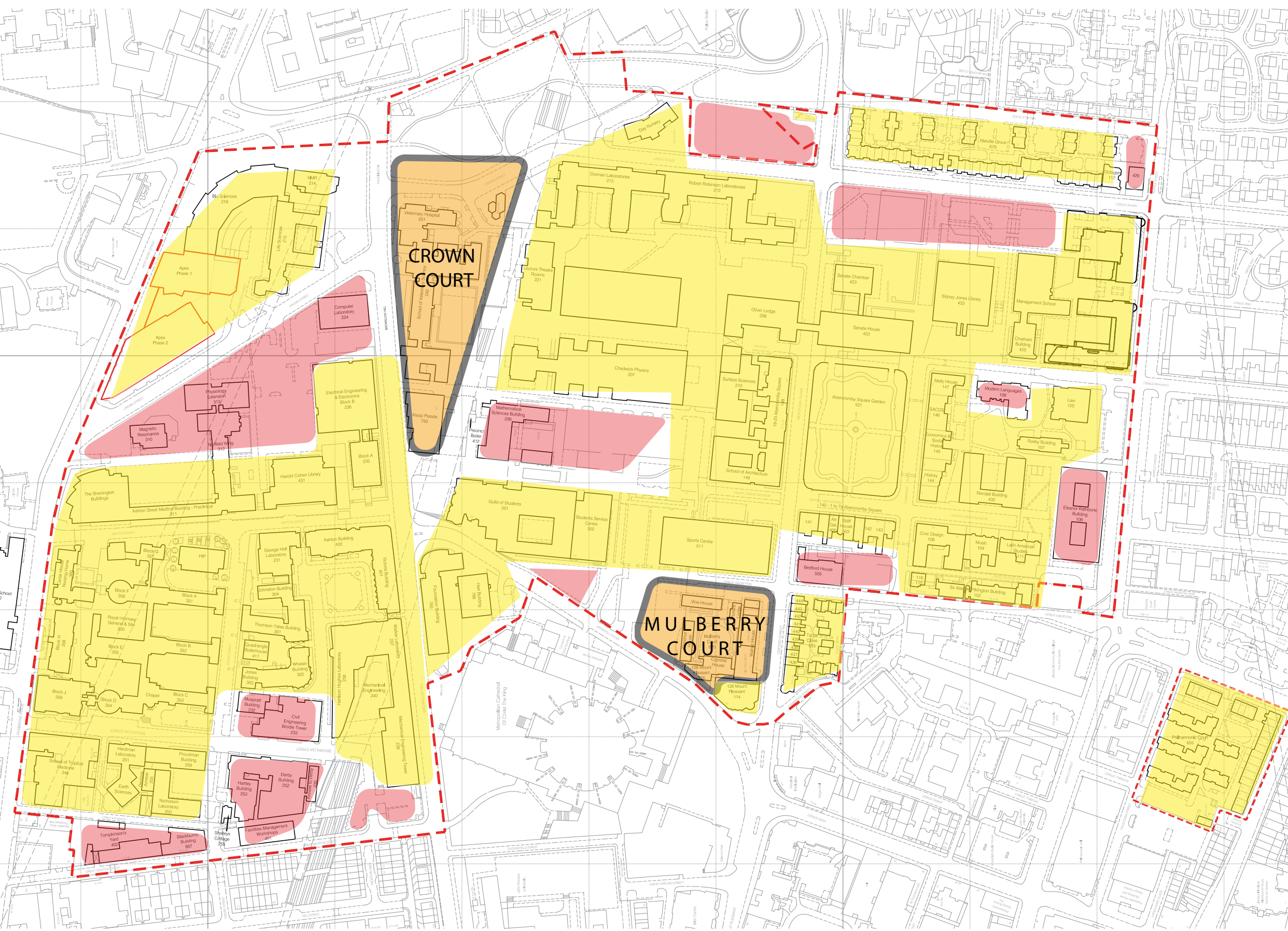


2000s 'Figure-Ground'



Liverpool Knowledge Quarter

## WHAT'S NEXT AND WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?



- Yellow areas are unlikely to change their physical form
- Pink areas may be re-developed in the next 10 - 15 years

- Areas unlikely to change
- Areas to be re-developed in the future
- Present development opportunities

- The masterplan is steadily moving forward over a 10 – 15 year period.
- A feasibility study for the Vets site is complete and a planning application is expected Spring 2012.
- Site clearance is anticipated Summer 2012, with construction completed Summer 2014.
- Mulberry Court will proceed to a similar timescale.
- The University is keen to engage closely with our neighbours and encourages you to comment and stay involved.

- To ensure that we understand your views, we would be grateful if you could take a few moments to fill in a feedback form providing us with your thoughts. The form can be completed and left with staff or sent back to us later using the FREEPOST address.
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