

Lydia Ann Street

Liverpool

Residential Accommodation

Design & Access Statement

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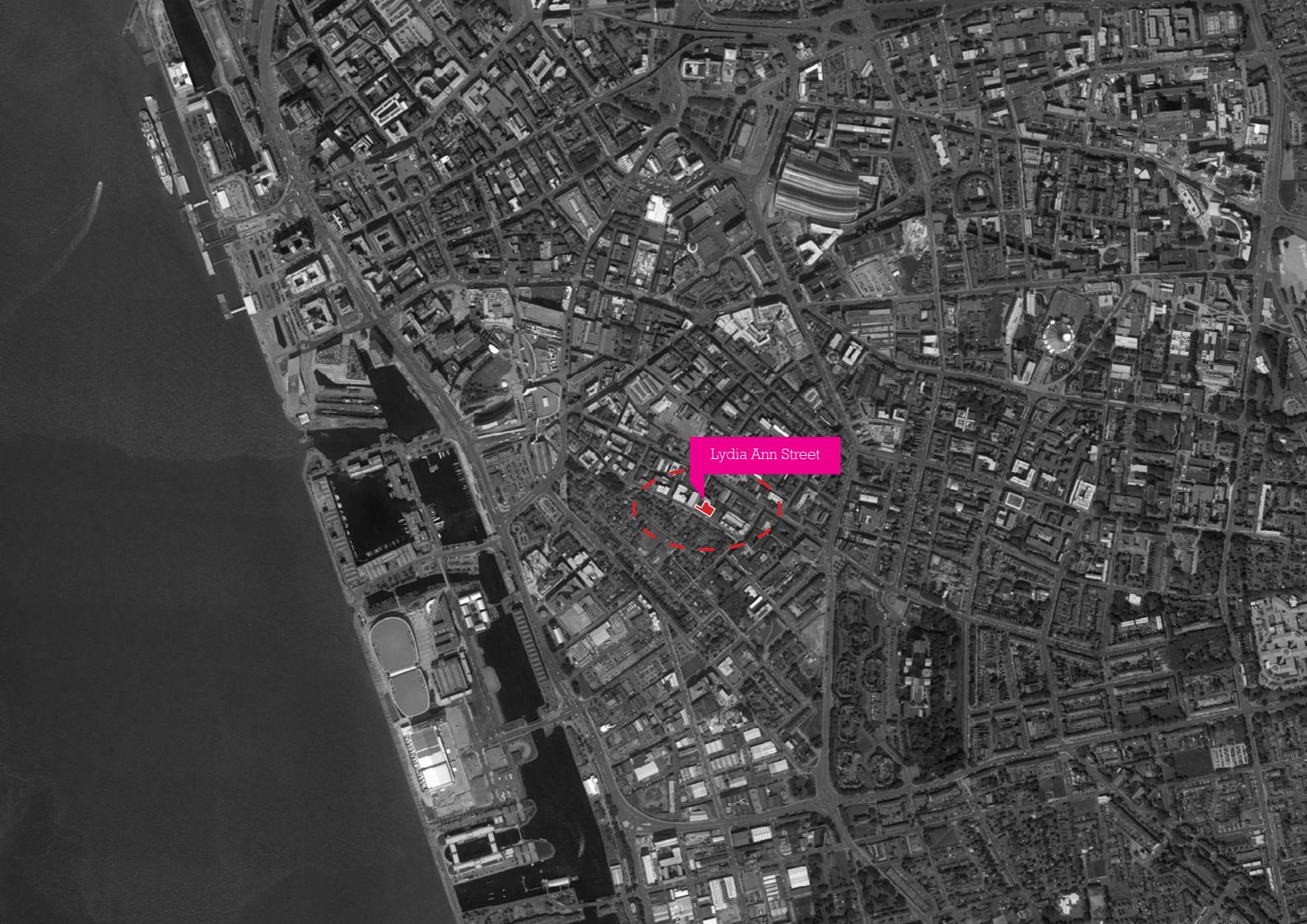
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# Introduction and Summary of Brief

#### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to give an overview of the project from the early concept design stages, through the history and background of the development which lead onto the final scheme.

We believe that good design stems from the underlying 'Big Idea' or KDP (Key Design Principles) which should be strong enough to drive the whole design process and create a framework for design decision making throughout the evolution of a scheme, creating a sense of consistency and completeness.

DAY's Key Design Principles for the Lydia Ann Site are just that; a catalyst from which the rest of the design stems. It should be a singular solution to the problems and opportunities identified through initial analysis of the brief, context and typology which will hold the design together throughout the process; a constant focus, regardless of the project stage, and a defender of the design solution.

#### The Key aims of the proposal are as follows:

- Provide high quality residential accommodation
- Positively contribute to the surrounding area
- Reinforce connections with Ropewalks and the wider City context

#### **Brief Overview**

High quality design, commercial viability and deliverability were all key factors when DAY were first engaged to develop initial feasibility scheme for the Lydia Ann Street site. Taking these key factors into consideration DAY Architectural set about understanding the site history and context of the site in order to inform and influence the early conceptual ideas striving to deliver a high quality piece of architecture whilst ensuring the client achieved there key brief factors.

Situated on the corner of Lydia Ann Street and Suffolk Street the site has excellent transportation links to the wider City and is ideally located for those looking to live within Liverpool City Centre.

The site is currently vacant and overgrown following the removal of a number of smaller structures and a surface car park which previously formed a council depot.





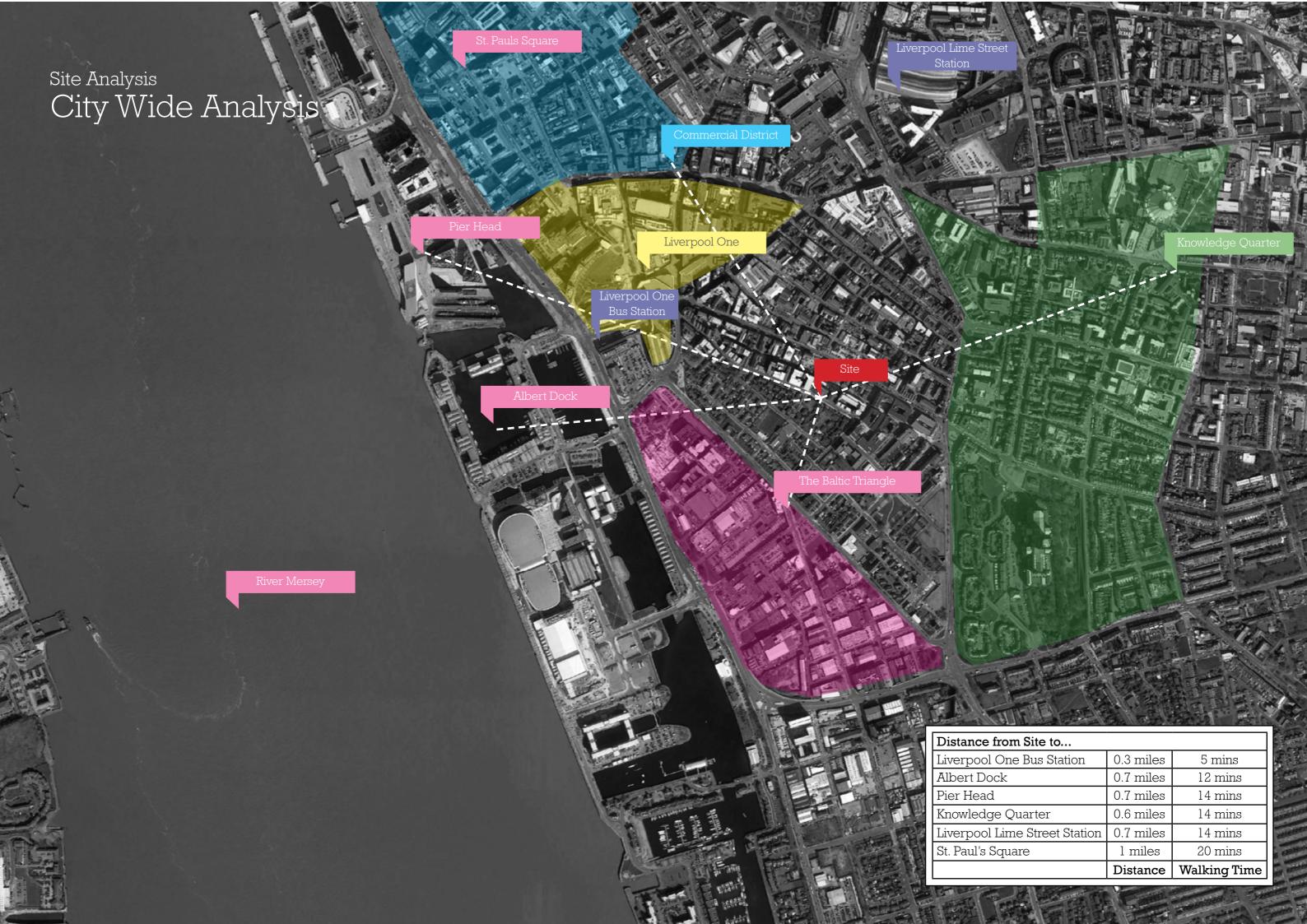






The site is on the edge of the of the Ropewalks area of Liverpool City Centre, with Duke Street to the north and the Baltic Triangle to the south with a 5 minute walk into the centre of Liverpool.

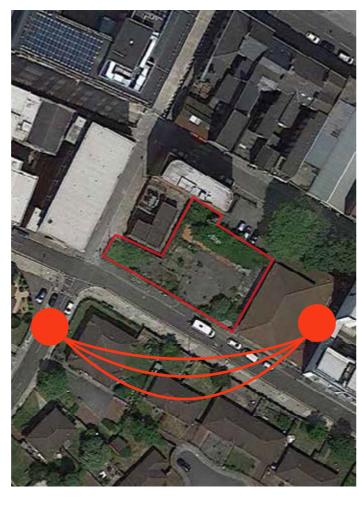
The site is bounded by Lydia Ann Street to the South and Suffolk Street to the West and is within a primarily residential area of the City.

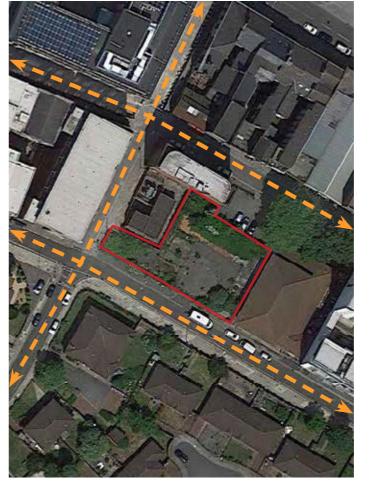


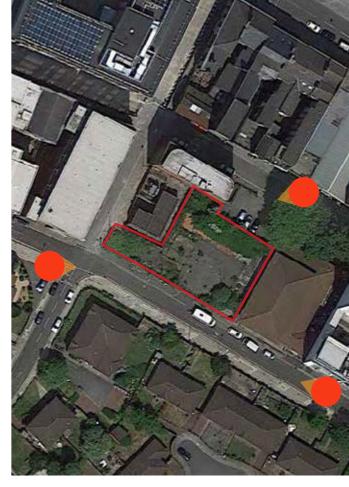
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The Site

Located in L1, Liverpool, the Lydia Ann Street site sits on the outer edge of the Ropewalks area of the City Centre, between the prominently residential area to the south and the commercial centres of Duke Street and the wider Liverpool One to the north.

The site is currently vacant.

Sun Path

The site is orientated on a South West axis. The site suffers from minimal overshadowing with the mid rise context of the Lydia Ann Street massing stepping up from the one/ two storey residential developments opposite.

Due to the proximity of the adjacent buildings, The site benefits from open aspects with natural lighting and solar gain being factors which can begin to feed in to the design process, optimising the proposals sustainable credentials.

Key Routes

Vehicular entry to the site was historically to the south forming a surface car park. As the site sits within the grid arrangement of the Ropewalks area, the site has immediate and easy access to the rest of Liverpool City Centre.

Views and Gateways

Due to the sites prominence at the centre of a low/ mid rise residential street, the opportunity for a building to repair the fractured street scene will maximised to provide a high quality building contextualised to the immediate and wider context.