The Spine as the gateway building to the Paddington Village site

The Spine building is considered a major gateway building into the Paddington Village development which is being led by Liverpool City Council. This is located within the wider Knowledge Quarter area which is one of the mayoral development zones for the city of Liverpool. The prime focus of the Knowledge Quarter is to deliver major positive economic impact to the city through education, knowledge and research.

The Royal College of Physicians is the major anchor tenant of The Spine and will occupy seven storeys of the 13 storey building. The building has been designed around a 7.5 m structural grid with a floorplate of 45 x 30 m.

Built on Brownlow Hill, The Spine will have the highest outlook of any building in Liverpool, and will command stunning views of Liverpool and further beyond to Snowdonia, the Peak District, the Pennines and along the Lancashire coast. Due to its height and position, the building will have a considerable presence on the Liverpool skyline and will be clearly visible from other vantage points across the city.
This £1 billion flagship expansion site sitting at the eastern gateway to the city centre has been earmarked as 1.8 million square feet of science, technology, education and health space.

The site will be developed in three phases: Paddington Central, Paddington South and Paddington North. Paddington Central, which includes The Spine, is now underway. At 30 acres, Paddington is a sizeable urban village. Not only will it be a great place to live, but it will be a great place to work, discover and socialise, with state-of-the-art workspaces, labs, cafés, restaurants, shops, accommodation, a hotel, and a teaching, examination and events space.
Knowledge Quarter Liverpool (KQ Liverpool) is home to the largest cluster of science, health, education and cultural minds in the city region. Home to the University of Liverpool (UoL), Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), Liverpool Science Park (LSP) and the new £429 million Royal Liverpool Hospital, KQ Liverpool is fast becoming one of Europe’s leading innovation districts and, due to its overall importance to the city, is a Mayoral Development Zone. KQ Liverpool is completely absorbed in culture and is home to Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA), the Everyman and Unity theatres, Liverpool Philharmonic, the city’s two cathedrals, and some of its best bars and restaurants. The unique mix of science, technology, health, education and cultural institutions, combined with stunning architecture and its position at the heart of the city, will create an exciting urban neighbourhood with a thriving community of like-minded people.