

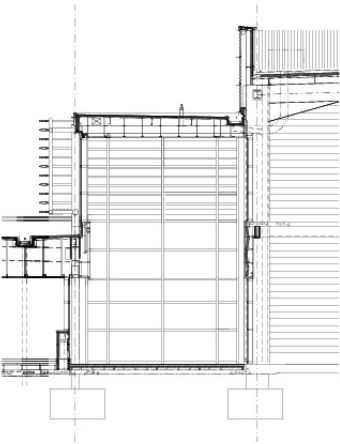
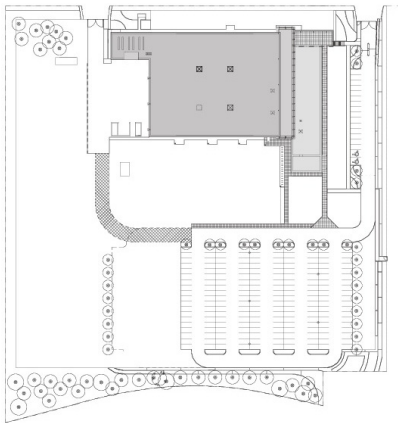
MEDEVA PHARMACEUTICALS, MERSEYSIDE, UK



LOCATION:	MERSEYSIDE
COMPLETION:	2000
VALUE:	£10M
CLIENT:	SIR ROBERT MCALPINE
SERVICE:	ARCHITECTURE
SECTOR:	INDUSTRIAL & INFRASTRUCTURE

A product development and research facility for a major pharmaceutical company. The building provides full research, testing and pilot production facilities along with administration and welfare facilities for the staff. The site incorporates a security gatehouse providing control to Federal Drugs Administration Standards.

The building integrates with a full production facility located on an adjacent site.



We go to work, we coordinate with our team, we lunch with our colleagues and perhaps we recognise a few familiar faces in the elevator. But how does a large research facility promote interaction and collaboration amongst employees who work in different sectors? How do the researchers share insights with the production engineers? If architecture brings these different groups together accidentally in the lifts, what can it facilitate if the goal of the building is openness and interaction?

Working with a forward thinking client, we were able to subvert the typical model of segregated meeting spaces and create a lively and creative environment in which to gather and work. Traditional meeting rooms are replaced by a clean light and airy central circulation hub that brings together workers from all sectors of the program.

Supported by a café and a library, and accommodating various formal and informal gathering areas, this defining central zone forms an idea generator that brings the entire company together.

