

Green Infrastructure Statement

Minor Development / Commercial Property

**43 & 44 Alfred Street
Neath
SA11 1EH**

Proposed Development:

**External alterations including new shopfront glazing and entrance door set.
Horizontal timber cladding to be installed on front and side elevation of no.44
and other associated works**



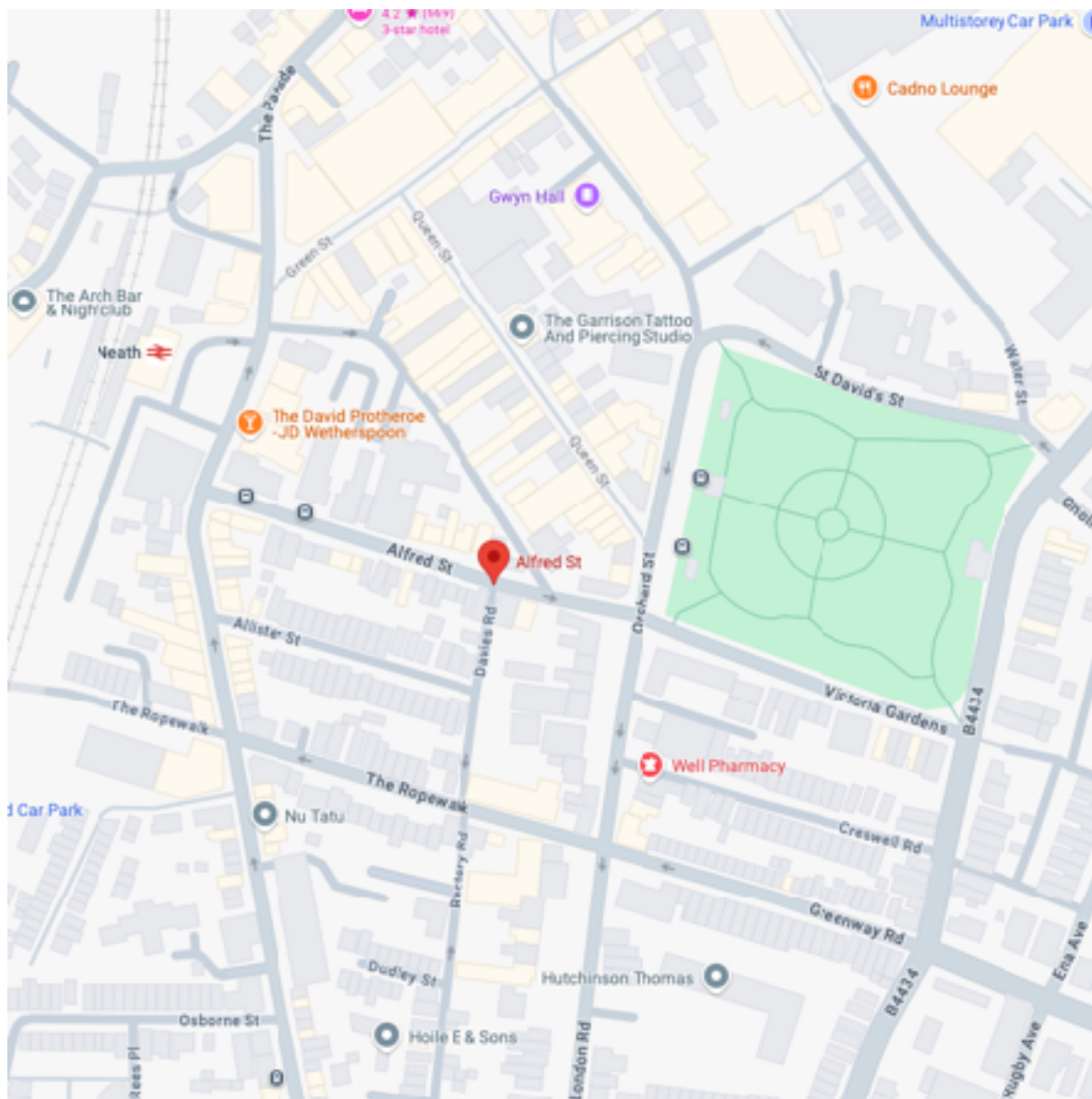
Site description:

No.43 and 44 are both commercial premises on Alfred Street, central to Neath Town. Both properties are attached and owned by the same business company. They are

situated on the end of a row of terrace buildings and can be seen in public view from pedestrian footpaths from both Orchard Street and Davies Road.

Neath market town has received major regeneration work as part of a retail-led development. The purpose of the proposed works to these properties is to enhance the appearance of both buildings externally and improve the visual aesthetics of the high street. Currently, both properties have separate external finishes, which the business would like to change to show no.43 and 44 to simulate each other and represent the properties as one business.

Surrounding Area:



Situated in the heart of the town centre, Alfred street is very close other retail businesses, including well known and visited attractions such as Victoria Gardens

and The Gwyn Hall Theatre. The map above shows Alfred Street in close proximity to the green area of Victoria Gardens and therefore suggests biodiversity is within the area of the proposed development.

Development Impacts:

The proposed external material alterations to the buildings will not have an impact on surrounding habitats and biodiversity. There will be no impact to any surrounding green land, trees or hedging nearby. Currently, there is no biodiversity enhancement in place which will be altered or hindered.

Biodiversity Enhancement Proposed

Due to the height of the buildings, particularly No.44 there is an opportunity to install a bat box at height to support this habitat amongst local wildlife. Example image below of a Beaumaris Bat box (birdfood.co.uk) is a product suitable for crevice roosting bats. Materials proposed 100 % WoodStone, FSC certified wood, durable with 10 year warranty. 29.3cm width x 6cm length x 39cm



Conclusion

Subject to the above information provided, it is considered the proposed development would maintain and benefit ecological networks within the surrounding area.

Signed

