

5. DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Based on the analysis in the previous sections, it is clear that Tarlton has reached a development stage where conflict in land use will occur. The conflict exerted by the need for housing development and the high potential for agricultural development is eminent. The Tarlton Precinct Plan will have to harness the relevant economic development at strategic areas based on all resources available, natural, agricultural products. The economic growth in the area will avertedly be provided by agriculture and tourism related activities, these will in turn provide employment for appropriately skilled people and the resources to train and empower people to participate. It is anticipated that the strong agricultural economy, income levels will increase and people will be in a better position to support and develop themselves.

The development of people and communities will not only depend on economic growth but also on harnessing the creative potential of communities to be more entrepreneurial. Mogale City LM and the department of Rural Development and Land Reform will have to support this by ensuring that there is a supporting environment of adequate and appropriate infrastructure and services provision. Transportation will be one of the key mechanisms to ensure that goods and people can be transported and that communities have access to opportunities and amenities.

The intensification of growth and development should be at strategic areas, where the aforementioned conflict will be managed in such a way that sustainability is ensured, open spaces and high agricultural areas are protected and conserved and infrastructure investment and maintenance is efficient and viable.

Mogale City LM and the department of Rural Development and Land Reform would have to strengthen its partnerships with the private sector, especially the agricultural community, and communities to ensure that growth is optimised and partnerships create the appropriate level of beneficiation.

It is also important that Mogale City and the department of Rural Development and Land Reform do not view Tarlton as transition areas but rather as important Service centre that will support the major town of Krugersdorp and Magaliesburg. The areas are planned and managed in partnership with communities and business. A basic and well functioning transportation network services the areas and ensures that communities can access local opportunities and amenities but also those of the close by more developed urban areas of Gauteng.

It has been acknowledged that agricultural production can not only provide needed consumer products but also employment for rural based communities. These opportunities together with the relevant tourism potential are enhanced and a concerted effort ensures

that rural communities and towns are developed appropriately, basic level of infrastructure is provided. Low density and fragmented settlements are contained and the rural areas developed in partnership with local communities, agricultural and tourism forums. Rural areas together with eco related businesses and tourism will ensure that rural are important again and that rural areas and well managed and conserved open spaces take up their rightful role in the development of Tarlton.

The Objectives are identified predominantly to deliver on the issues identified in the **SWOT** analysis. The Objectives are not necessarily linked to a specific goal and will in some instances result in the achievement of a number of the goals. The substance of these Objectives will strongly be influenced by the strategies contained in the national, provincial and local policies. The Objectives that is relevant to the development of Tarlton:

- To strengthen eco-tourism & agricultural development;
- To provide and improve the quality of housing, social facilities and public infrastructure;
- To encourage economic development linked to agriculture;
- To integrate land use and movement in order to ensure integration between different spaces;
- To consolidate settlements and minimize urban sprawl and the adverse effects of land development on the environment

These Objectives are driven by the following strategies:

- Agricultural and rural development and
- Spatial restructuring of Tarlton.

