Degraded Heritage Buildings and Landscape Quality

- Manor House
- Orpen House
- Old Stables
- Road too narrow to Werf
- Riverine Corridor

Iconic Manor House and Upper Tokai Road seriously degraded and in need of urgent repair to Degraded Road Surface

- Potential conflicts and safety concerns with human recreational use
- Some conflict points between different user groups
- Lost riparian indigenous plants, and require management.
- Both streams (in particular). Landscapes suffering from lack of maintenance,
- Particularly riverine systems, and the area behind the Manor House.

Degraded Riverine Environment

- Both streams (Prinskaap and Flagstaff) somewhat degraded, have lost riparian indigenous plants, and require management.
- Baboons Presence
- Potential conflicts and safety concerns with human recreational use

Degraded Road Surface

- Upper Tokai Road seriously degraded and in need of urgent repair to support multi-modal movement. Need to improve aesthetics of bridge and amenities

Traffic Circulation and Parking

- Serious peaks period traffic and parking congestion. Need to resolve circulation through core heritage area

Lack of Services

- Future development of "Gateway" to TMNP – unique variety of buildings and landscapes to accommodate wide range of low impact and appropriate tourism and recreational activities.

Biodiversity and Historic Planting

- Potential conflict between desirable reinstatement of historic planting patterns (in particular the historic Oak tree avenues) and the riparian corridors.

Group Braai Area

- Paved located in terms of access as well as impacts on Wood Owl Cottage tourism use.

Visual Impacts of Edge

- The northern edge of the site (Porter Estate) presents a relatively visually obtrusive and badly located buildings and storage facilities.

Plantation Harvesting

- Plantation activity will continue within the precinct for a significant period to come

Cultural Heritage Opportunities

- The rich layers of history forms a huge asset to the Precinct requiring careful management for re-use and restoration.

Eco Tourism and Recreation

- Precinct identified as major "Gateway" to TMNP – unique variety of opportunities to accommodate multiple modal activity connections.

Tourism Accommodation

- Wood Owl Cottage and current Rangers residence present opportunity for overnight accommodation facilities, linked to other opportunities in Precinct

Entry Opportunities

- Opportunities to appropriately signal the "Gateway" to TMNP in a variety of ways from Tokai Road and into the precinct. In particular, Upper Tokai Road presents an opportunity to accommodate multiple mode activity connections.

Open House

- Represents a significant potential space for a multiple range of activities consistent with the commercialisation strategy of SANParks.

Manor House and Gardens

- The Manor House represents a significant public asset and appropriate sustainable use must be found.

- The historic terraced gardens represent an opportunity for reuse.

- Any refurbishment will need to comply with heritage indicators.

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- The Arboretum

- This landscape is rich in landscape history and needs careful intervention to improve its attractiveness and use, including signage and interpretation, new trails and management.

Equestrian Use

- The Precinct has a long history of use for horses, including the old forestry period. Equestrian facilities (stables, riding areas, paddocks etc) are seen as a very appropriate use and may have a commercial value to TMNP

Riverine and Ecological Corridors

- Tourism Accommodation

- The Precinct is blessed with two rivers and these can form a strong ecological thread that be the various activities through walking trails within these restored riverine corridors.

Events and Adventure Activities

- The ‘Gateway’ concept includes the creation of tourism attractions and events such as markets, adventure related activities, and commercial offerings such as restaurants and tea rooms.

Commercial Opportunities

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