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As the person that proposed the establishment of the Galway Technology Center to the Task Force after the closer of Digital Equipment Corp in Galway I have seen the need to provide office space for technology based company's. The success of the Galway Technology Center is prof positive that there is a need and the need continues to grow. If the outbreak of Covid19 has thought us anything is that a lot of people are able to work from home if they have proper access to high speed internet. This has reduced the amount of traffic on the roads and reduce pollution in the environment. I am sure that both company's and people will evaluate how they work in the future and is there a need for people to be in an office five days a week and can work from home instead. I believe the establishment of small hubs in small towns and villages with good high speed internet that people can work from so that they have the social contact with others and are not isolated. Also if young family's can work from such hubs that are located close to schools and creches then this can improve the work life balance for so many people. This will improve the viability of small business in small towns and villages as people do not have to travel into the larger towns to shop. This will reduce traffic in large city's like Galway, reduce pollution, improve the work life balance of people and providing a healthy and more happy population.