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In formulating strategy I would like GCC to reflect on what a post Covid 19 world will look like for Co Galway when creating the post 2021 Country development plan. From my perspective as MD of as Hewlett Packard in Galway and Chair of ITAG I am seeing IT companies in our region planning for a whole new world of work. Home working will become the norm for a large percentage of employees. Some will continue to work from offices. Pressure on office space will free up. Pressure on traffic congestion wil also abate a little. The home will become a place of work and the office will become more a place of periodic collaboration. This post COVID19 triggered change will have profound impact for county planning: 1. Homes will become a place of work 2. Homes will become a place of study 3. Present days housing densification strategies will need to be reflected on as people stay in their own local communities 4. There are social and mental challenges w.r.t work from home, home office space and green spaces become increasingly important 5. Broadband becomes even more critical 6. Sub-urban infrastructures will revive and need to be supported 7. Need for multifunctional office spaces in satellite towns/villages Would be a good idea for GCC to survey industry on trends and needs. Happy to help in any way. Paddy