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Sustainability, as practiced, appears to be less than comprehensive or indeed genuine if it deals solely with the Physical while neglecting the Social and Economic. Over time this has resulted in damage to social and economic fabric of the County. There have been multiple closures of Shops, Garda Stations and Post Offices. This has resulted in people having to travel to the bigger towns for essential goods and services; with the resultant damage to our Environment.

"Placemaking.....the new place-based approach involves tapping into economic potential that remains unused and not identifiable to outside agencies, be they cities, towns or their rural hinterlands, can contribute to national development."

This extract from RSES may seem to be a very strong [statement](#). It is, however, very accurate and well founded.

If potential remains unused it will wither. A development which fails to acknowledge curtails development of potential is not sustainable. Failure to allow for the sustainable development of the country's resources is failing the people of the County.

Areas which have good broadband available, as high as 1000mb in some areas, should be listed.

Near access to good quality public transport is more with Covid 19. The map on page 102 of the current CDP is well done and should be enlarged/enhanced.

Councillors did well when inserting details of the Commuter and Mainline Rail which is available in the East and South of the County.

Strategic Economic Corridor.

Over the period of three CDPs there has been reduced emphasis on the Strategic Economic Corridor. Page 155 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy refers to this important zone; calling for its promotion and for it to be further defined.

Meanwhile, it should be noted that IDA is hunting for Foreign Direct Investment landbanks in Cork and Limerick as it is part of the Agency's longterm plan to offset difficulties after Covid. The question must be asked: where does Galway stand in relation to attracting FDI? What level of co-operation exists between Galway County Council and the relevant agencies IDA and Enterprise Ireland?

The advantages and attractiveness of the SEC were set out in the Framework Plan which should be updated at this stage.

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