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To: National Planning Framework

Subject: Submission for National Planning Framework

Hi there,

I'd like to make the following submission to the National Planning Framework.

Thanks very much,

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Submission text:

I would like to propose a scheme to encourage businesses in Dublin to allow their employees to work from home in other parts of the country.

This would require financial and other incentives for the company and the provision and strengthening of technological and transport links between the city and the rest of Ireland. This sort of arrangement is particularly suited to jobs in the field of information technology, where Dublin is a world leader, but where the need for a traditional working environment is not always necessary (as is the case in my own job).

Such a scheme would benefit both rural and urban Ireland, rejuvenating rural areas by bringing people of working age back to them, and going some way to alleviate the housing crisis in Dublin by freeing up large numbers of properties currently occupied by people who would prefer to live elsewhere. In a broader sense, it promotes balanced development of the country as a whole, rather than Dublin being the only place in the country that certain types of work are available. If successful, the scheme could be extended to other cities.