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Submission: Galway city needs to be the driver of the region and have a deeper labour market, but to achieve this it needs to double its population. This can only be done if the planning and infrastructure are in place.

To achieve this, the port area needs to be developed into the hub of office related jobs (similar to the Docklands in Dublin) with unrestricted building heights for office and accomodation. The railway line should be upgraded to two lines from Athenry to Galway with two new stations between Oranmore and Galway again tied in with high density accomodation along this line. The railway line from Athenry to Claremorris needs to be reopened to feed into jobs available in the the dense office developments of the port area. Obviously the orbital motorway needs completion, but also the motorway north of Tuam to Sligo/Castlebar needs to be developed (unbelievably this motorway is not included in the national development plan)

The same high density development of the core of Sligo with related transport links should also be done. The stronger our regional cities, the stronger the region.