3.7 The technical comparative assessment forms a background paper to this report with the findings summarised in the table below. Where appropriate, a preference of one route over the other is reported.

	Current CTLR	Alternative	No Clear
Торіс	route	northern route	Preference
ENGINEERING			
Design Standards (includes Road			✓
Safety)			
Geotechnical			✓
Drainage	✓		
NMUs	✓		
Utilities		✓	
Constructability	✓		
Future Maintenance			✓
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ENVIRONMENTAL			
Air Quality (receptors and magnitude)		✓	
Cultural Heritage	✓		
Landscape/LVIA	✓		
Biodiversity		✓	
Geology, Soils, Contamination and			✓
Hydrogeology			
Materials		✓	
Noise and Vibration	✓		
People and Communities	✓		
Agriculture, Forestry and Sporting		✓	
Interests			
Road Drainage and the Water			✓
Environment			
Climate		√*	
Land Take			✓
TRANSPORT & ECONOMICS			
Transport Modelling	✓		
Transport Economics			✓
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*Climate - Amended as assessment determined that carbon emissions greater for current preferred route due to inclusion of the green bridge. However, the differences are considered negligible. The text within the Background Paper – Technical Comparative Assessment is correct.