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In response to National Highways submissions, I have the following comments:

National Highways has not

- **fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site, such as** a southern bypass route, which would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site;
- **explored alternatives to hard engineering** solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site such as a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West;
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Other changes have occurred since the Examination closed, and these should be taken into account:

- concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and
- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

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