

Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to replace the current 30mph default speed limit on restricted roads with a 20mph limit.

Fully opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

There is no evidence to show that a reduction to 20mph makes the roads safer. They would be better looking at the effect this rollout had on Edinburgh before making a decision to make it Scotland wide. Furthermore driving at 20mph instead of 30mph increases pollution which is already at high levels.

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

They should wait until the Edinburgh roads have finished being rolled out as 20mph and analyse the findings before making a decision to make it Scotland wide.

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of the proposal?

No Response

Q4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of the proposal?

Increase in pollution, increase in tailgating / road rage (as is happening now in Edinburgh), wasting money on implementation. £2.2 million has already been wasted in Edinburgh on this scheme.

Q5. What other measures do you think would be needed to maximise compliance with the new national 20mph speed limit on restricted roads, for example in relation to advertising signage and police enforcement.

police enforcement would be required in order for people to adhere to the new limit. This is a waste of money and resource. The police have more important things to be doing than to be looking for people driving at 29mph. Speed cameras would need to be changed.

Page 12: Financial implications

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

| | Significant increase in cost | Some increase in cost | Broadly cost-neutral | Some reduction in cost | Significant reduction in cost | Unsure |
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| Scottish Government | X | | | | | |

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

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| Local Authorities | X | | | | | |
| Motorists | | | X | | | |
| Other | | | X | | | |
| Police Scotland | | | | | | |

Please explain the reasons for your response

This would have a huge cost to the Scottish government and / or local authorities. Edinburgh council have already spent £2.2 million putting up new signs which are largely ignored. Complete waste of tax payers money which would be better spent fixing potholes.

Q7. Do you believe there will be any other benefits to reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph?

No. The only areas that should be 20mph are roads around schools and residential streets; which are already at 20mph. People are more likely to pay attention to the speed limit in this instance.

Page 14: Equalities

Q8. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on the following protected groups (under the Equality Act 2010): race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, age, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

Please explain the reasons for your response

I don't see why there would be any impact on protected groups.

Q9. Could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected groups be minimised or avoided?

n/a

Page 16: Sustainability of the proposal

Q10. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impact?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response:

This will result in increased pollution; resulting in a negative environmental impact. The money could be

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much better spent on other things. As I previously said, it is shocking that Edinburgh council wasted £2.2 million on this ridiculous scheme which is, for the most part, ignored.

Page 17: General

Q11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to establish a 20mph default speed limit on restricted roads?

I conducted my own poll to see how many people were in favour of this proposal and it came out at 18%. A far cry from the 65% which the Green Party claim from their poll. I therefore felt it necessary to complete this survey so that my comments could be noted. A far better way to reduce speeding would be to penalise those who do speed... those people who drive at 35-40mph on a 30mph road. I always stick to the 30mph speed limit but the newly reduced 20mph is just impossible to stick to without getting harrassment from other drivers. It is also far to easy to go above 20mph (thus 'speeding') and so I find myself taking my eyes off the road more than I should to check my speedometer. I am dreading to see how many more injuries this reduction in speed limit will actually cause.