

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Additional emissions will be produced by vehicles driving at 20 compared with 30. Additional safety measures being implemented into most modern vehicles will mean that collisions will be less likely. The best solution is education of pedestrians to only cross at suitable places, ideally at zebra or pelican crossings, and to drivers to ensure that they are paying attention. Driving tests should be made considerably more difficult as there are far too many bad drivers on the road. Road systems should also be changed from the current set up which is designed to cause congestion. Perhaps allow electric vehicles access to bus lanes to reduce congestion.

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

Education of pedestrians and drivers. Legislation to make automatic emergency braking mandatory on all new vehicles sold.

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

I don't see any. If anything I think they could make certain areas more dangerous. Schools for example have had a 20mph limit active during drop off and collection times to ensure the safety of the children, depicted by flashing lights. Removing this special section of road will most likely lead to drivers not being so careful and therefore more likely to speed.

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

No Response

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.

No Response

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
Scottish Government	X					
Local Authorities	X					
Motorists		X				
Other						
Police Scotland						

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

No Response

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

Why even bring this up, this is a proposal that effects all drivers and pedestrians regardless of any of the above

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

There is none

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

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?

Don't do it