

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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No Response

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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

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

Road safety is not solely about the speed at which cars, motorbikes, lorries and buses travel. Road safety is about awareness and manners. Too often, people are locked up in their own worlds and are not paying attention to what is going on around them - awareness. And too often people ignore the traffic signals/speed limits as they are at the present time. For example, how often are accidents caused by cyclists "pretending" to be pedestrians without getting off their bikes. How many people think that speed limits are hints of how slowly to drive instead of the law or that the limits apply to "bad drivers" not them. My parents live on a busy main road and the police do not do very much to slow down the traffic going along their road even though it is in a village. Cars regularly break the speed limit of 30 with no concern for others. The side roads in the village are all 20 miles an hour limits, but too many people ignore this and get away with it because the police do nothing about stopping people. I live in Glasgow close to the city centre. I regularly see people breaking the speed limit and at no time have I seen speed cameras on either Sauchiehall Street or Argyle Street. Will every street have speed cameras on it to ensure people are charged with breaking the 20 mile an hour limit? Or will it be as it is at the moment, when it doesn't really matter what speed a driver/biker does as long as they slow down when they see a police car? I have been driving for almost 38 years and believe that speed limits are there for a reason. But my frustrations as a driver and a pedestrian are that few others think that this is indeed the case. Without education and increased speed cameras - fixed fines or points on licences - reducing the speed limits to 20 mph will only add to drivers' frustrations and do little to make roads safer.

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. Education. Education. Including showing those caught speeding the results of car crashes at speed on real people and what someone looks like after a car/lorry/bus has hit them as they cross the road. Shock tactics do work and should be used more.

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

None. See answers to questions before.

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

See answers to questions before.
People need to be educated and shocked into cutting their speed. Those caught more than once should have their cars crushed...drastic, but it is the short sharp shock that some people need.

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 have to enforce limits regularly...signage does not work and is easy to ignore. People have become selfish and until someone they know is injured or killed, it doesn't matter what speed they travel at!

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						

Please explain the reasons for your response

It will cost more in signage to the government and to local authorities. And it will cost motorists, but only if the police rigorously enforce the limits.

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

There are no benefits to reducing the speed limit to 20 mph.

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)

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

No Response

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?

Until the 30mph limits are properly policed, there is no reason to limit the speed in built-up areas further. Drivers need to be educated on the impact their behaviour can have as well as being punished when they break the law. This needs to happen more often. Scotland needs a similar campaign to the drink driving campaign so that drivers know that breaking the speed limit is not acceptable and will be punished.