

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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 Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

As a cyclist and pedestrian who regularly walks and cycles with my children I would fully endorse a change to the speed limit on restricted roads. The current situation, I know puts people off walking and cycling with their children and although I still do it, it is often with my heart in my mouth. I would hope that reducing the speed limit would make people feel safer on the roads and therefore more likely to use active travel rather than getting in their cars.

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

Legislation might be the only way to make this happen

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

Safer roads
Encouraging of active travel
Better for the environment (due to people feeling safer using active travel and so not getting in their cars and also turning to bikes as it could be as quick to cycle as to drive after the imposition of the speed limit)
Reduction in emissions due to less aggressive acceleration and deceleration

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.

speed cameras in evidence and police presence to show that failure to comply will result in fines
Advertising showing lives saved at 20 rather than 30
Dispelling the myth that slower driving will increase emissions

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

once the measures are in place cant see what cost increases there would be

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

Encourage tourism by creating a driving environment which encourages tourists to come.
Better community cohesion with people more likely to come out of their houses and walk rather than jump in their cars

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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Certainly for those pregnant or on maternity who will feel safer when out on the pavement. For the other groups, the benefits will be the same as for everyone else

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

I cant see what would make the bill unsustainable

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?

No Response