

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Partially supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I fully support the use of 20mph speed restriction in areas where we have schools, play parks and other areas where children, elderly or vulnerable people may be more likely at risk. I don't think adopting across all 30mph areas will have the same impact, than if the speed reduction is focused in the areas most needed, such as where the most vulnerable are at risk.

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

Unsure

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

I think reduction in the areas where the most vulnerable are at risk, I would hope that slower driving will be adopted, more attention can be brought to managing speeding in these areas and hopefully risk of vulnerable people being harmed will be reduced.

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

The disadvantages I think if it is adopted across all 30mph areas, would be that it is not adopted and the resources required to enforce would be significant compared with a more focused approach to where the 20mph is applied.

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.

I think speed camera enforcement would be a must to ensure adoption, signage and also perhaps road markings and or changes in road contour entering and exiting such areas.

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

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

There may be a reduction in emissions, but only if drivers do not use a lower gear whilst driving in the 20mph areas. I would like to think that there would be a reduction in accidents of vulnerable people in areas of risk.

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

I think in areas where vulnerable people are at risk there should be a positive impact in reducing accidents.

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 think it can be delivered positively if a targeted approach is adopted to its application only in areas where vulnerable people are at risk.

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