

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.

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

A 20 MPH speed limit is totally inappropriate for many, if not most, urban roads. Making a 20 mph limit the default will lead to a huge amount of extra work for Local Authorities to decide which roads should not be 20. If they do not then traffic will be slowed down, more people will speed and the country will suffer.

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

Increased use of 20 zones where appropriate

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

None. Speed may be reduced a bit on some roads which would benefit from the restriction, but this will be far outweighed by a reduction in speed on roads where a reduction is not required.

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

Imposition of blanket speed limit where it is not necessary or appropriate, leading to increased travel times, and unnecessary delays.

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.

This would require many extra police officers, and if we can afford them, they would be better used targeting crime, not speeding.

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					

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

Other	X					
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

See earlier answers

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

No. Most roads that would benefit from 20 limit already have one, or could easily have one imposed by the Local Authority.

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?

Unsure

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

unsure

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:

See above

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?

A foolish waste of time and money