

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

I live in the centre of a village where we have many road/path users (pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists, horses, tractors, vans, cars and motorcycles) and with parked traffic, tight crossroads and steep hills it can become quite hazardous if motorists are doing 30mph or with several more like 40mph. Reducing the speed to 20mph will hopefully ensure the majority of the road users adhere and if not approach the old 30mph but no where near the 40mph.

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

Leaving it to communities to apply and with the budget constraints of councils only certain areas will benefit. I did mention this 4 years ago at a community council meeting to be told by a local councillor that our village did not have the necessary population numbers to warrant 20mph. Surely it should not matter how many people live in an area but the danger the road layout/users may have on the number that do live in the area whether 50 people or 500 people.

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

A blanked response means everyone benefits from the safer roads and also removes uncertainty for road users as all areas are 20mph.

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

None

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.

Tougher fines for not adhering to 20mph. Mobile traffic camera points to pick up on drivers at ad hoc periods. Train up local residents to monitor and patrol potential speeding traffic.

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

Changing signage would be minimal cost to all.

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

Environment

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

Don't see what it matters who you are in society the effect of this Bill would have equal benefit to all.

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

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Cannot see how this question could be relevant to the proposal.

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?

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