

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

A pupil from my school was knocked down and killed last year on a road with a speed limit of 30 mph. I wonder if a 20mph speed limit could have given a very different outcome to this tragic accident.

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

I was informed of the proposal via my school - not sure how the general public will be informed / consulted.

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

The roads would be safer, especially for young children, the elderly, vulnerable individuals, etc.
Cars would have to slow down in housing estates / near schools, etc.
Fewer accidents!
Air pollution could be reduced.
Drivers may well notice a difference in miles per gallon, i.e., more for their money.

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

Some drivers may not adhere to the proposed limit - difficult to enforce?
More likely to engage in road rage if stuck behind slow moving traffic?
Congested roads if moving slowly?

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.

Flashing signs, perhaps for certain times of the day, to alert drivers to the new limit.
Speed cameras / speed calming objects, e.g., speed bumps, traffic islands, etc.
Radio / TV / social media advertisements.

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 | | | | |

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

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

Wouldn't cost too much to put in a few advertisements , I would imagine. Similarly some traffic islands / signs, etc., shouldn't cost too much. Save more than medical bills / insurance, etc., for injuries / deaths.

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

People might not rush as much - reducing stress levels across the board!

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?

Slightly positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Unsure how some groups might be affected; however, some disabled people should benefit in as simple terms as crossing a road - a car travelling at 20mph would not approach them as quickly as a car at 30mph, obviously, giving them more time to cross the road / make judgements in terms of approaching roads.

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

N/A

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

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Please explain the reasons for your response:

People will only be asked to slow down on a few roads - general journeys shouldn't take too much longer due to a reduced speed limit on certain roads.

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?

Good luck!