

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Please explain the reasons for your response

Other than outside primary schools, such a restriction serves no useful purpose and it a simple knee jerk reaction to the 'speed kills' mantra which attempts to equate such a speed restriction to safety. This is entirely false and leads to inattentive driving, inattentive pedestrians and mass non compliance which cannot be effectively policed, which brings the whole thing into disrepute

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

It has no relevant or reasonable aims

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

None, it will simply lead to mass non compliance and police wasting time on partial enforcement

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

Mass non compliance, inattentive driving, inattentive pedestrians, increased pollution in built up areas as vehicles mass for longer at inefficient engine speeds, greater wear & tear on vehicles not designed to run at such a slow speed efficiently, waste of resources implementing and a waste of resources enforcing, which will simply be viewed as a further tax on the motoring cash cow

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.

average speed cameras fully enforced

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 | | | | | | |
| Police Scotland | | | | | | |

Please explain the reasons for your response

RTA needs rewritten, Highway code needs rewritten, all signage & roads marking in every town/village needs changes, a complete driver reeducation & advertisement to all foreign drivers, all local regulations applying to speed limits would require to be changed - with no relevant benefit

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

None whatsoever

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

What a stupid question

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

see response to question 8

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:

It is no more than a vague hope like world peace

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?

Grow up and deal with road user safety through proper education of all road users, starting at school