

Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

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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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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 opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Common sense prevails for most motorists. A 20mph speed limit would lead to frustration and drivers making rash decisions. For the minority who consistently brake the 30mph speed limit absolutely nothing would change. This would simply be viewed as an other revenue generating decision and my belief is that there is little or no public stomach for this in reality. It would also be a further decent into the Scottish nanny state of control and restriction.

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

None needed

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

None other than an opportunity to take money from the motorist.

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

Getting from A to B in a timely manner.
Out of sync with the UK! We are part of the United Kingdom and should have the same rules of the road.

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.

None

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						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

None needed

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

None at all.

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?

Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

You are seriously asking this question. This makes a mockery of the whole exercise. It has an overall impact on ALL persons regardless of whatever label you want to give them.

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

By not imposing the restriction

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:

This has no relevance

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?

None other than it is yet another misguided vanity project with little or no actual value. I would strongly recommend dropping this exercise and recommend focussing on something that actually brings value to the general public rather than giving them no credit for common sense. Other than the strict enforcement of speed restrictions for fixed times in the vicinity of a school or nursery there is no real need for this general imposition. Spend the money on temporary speed restriction signs that light up and change during the times that apply during school pupil movement times. Fixed cameras outside school during those periods too would be money better spent. Strict adherence to yellow lines outside of school premises is of more concern than general speed restrictions in residential areas.