

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Mr Andrew Morton

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

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

I feel that in many built up areas the current 30 mph limit is too fast as there are so many things drivers need to be aware of, buses stopping and pulling away, dustbin lorries, delivery vans, children walking/playing on pavements, people crossing the road all of which can be tricky to give your full attention when your travelling at 30mph

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 am unaware of what other options could deliver this

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

I think the main advantage would be safer roads for pedestrians and could lower accident rate, less pollution, less noise from cars constantly slowing down and speeding up

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

it will be difficult to enforce the new speed limit unless there are camera or police presence to enforce the limit, travel times through certain areas might take a bit longer due to slower speed

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.

there would need to be plenty of big and clear signs but unless the police are going to be enforcing the limit with use of camera or speed checks it will be hard to enforce

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				

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

Motorists			X			
Other						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

I believe there will a cost in putting up the signs and road markings but this could be partly funded from road tax and can be split from Scottish and local authorities

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

not that I can think of

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

I don't see any reason this would affect any specific group as we are talking about road safety which is in the interest of everyone

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

n/a as I don't believe there will be any impact

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:

I feel that this will make built up areas safer for both pedestrian's cyclists and drivers

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?

No Response