

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

An unnecessary speed restriction for 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, in order to alleviate numbers of road traffic accidents which mainly happen in built up areas at busy times. Journeys by cars, buses and HGVs will take longer thereby causing more pollution. Drivers will be focussing more on their speedometers than on the road ahead. How on earth will it be enforced? Fact: numbers of RTAs decreased in Scotland last year Fact Manchester have halted the roll-out of 20 mph in their city meantime as it appears not to have reduced the number of RTAs as expected.

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

I am totally against the proposal.

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

None

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

See previous answers.

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.

If the proposal went ahead then I would suggest that the restriction apply only to built up areas during busy periods. Therefore 'intelligent' signage would be required - i.e. electronic signs. The same would, of course, apply to bus lanes. It is a nonsense that they operate both ways during both rush hours. Surely they should operate in the direction of the greatest volume of traffic (e.g. in Edinburgh bus lanes going into the city would operate in the morning, and bus lanes going out of the city would operate at the end of the working day).

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	X					
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

My 'other' relates to Police Scotland. I would be interested to know where the additional officers and funding would come from.

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

No.

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

This seems an awfully daft question but perhaps you are required to ask it.....

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

Yes. Don't introduce the bill.

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

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.