

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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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

I live in a small village where there are many children. Far too many motorists think that they can speed through villages, as they believe the roads will be quieter, they think the risk of accidents or getting caught are lowered.

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

Unsure

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

Less accidents. Less fear would promote more walking and cycling especially in families with children. Many parents are fearful of their children playing out in the streets or cycling/walking to school because of fast traffic.

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

I suppose frustrated drivers may avoid 20 zones preferring to take other routes which could affect small businesses

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.

Definitely more police presence to enforce the speed limit, otherwise drivers take chances

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		
Other						X

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

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

No Response

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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

The fear element would be reduced therefor giving those likely to be more worried about being out on the street more confidence to do so eg disabled, elderly, pregnant women, young families with prams/toddler

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

I can't see any negative impact other than the effect of reducing passing trade for small businesses

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

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?

I am quite passionate about this, although my own personal issue would not be resolved. We live in a small village, Murthly, in Perthshire and our school lies on a 40mph stretch. After much lobbying we got 20mph signs right outside the school which are in use during school hours. However only people familiar with the village are aware of the whereabouts of the school. Most motorists drive at 40 + and only a small

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percentage pay attention to the 20mph signage as it's a bit too little too late really. Our children are encouraged to take part in cycle/walk to school initiatives, and cycle training but the journey to and from school is very dangerous.
anything to encourage more careful driving in villages is good in my book.