

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.

Fully opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Driving in the City of Edinburgh we don't exceed speeds of 20mph anyway. It's impossible due to the congestion Edinburgh city council has allowed to happen with the excessive number of buses on the road and now the trams. To put the maximum speed to be only 20mph would only be a cash cow for the council. The relentless attack on the motorist by local government is now beyond a joke, who are practically trying to make Edinburgh pedestrianised. We the citizens are sick to the teeth of hit with more and more new penalties. This is our city, not the councils! The council have put the people of Edinburgh last behind the tourists and events that we host. Parking spaces have been made permit only spaces. George Street becomes an open air bar during the festival. Why should the hard working people of Edinburgh be treated as second class citizens in their own city they pay the upkeep for? I have no confidence in those who make up these slip shod rules that are imposed on the motorist in Scotland, particularly Edinburgh. If the council want to pass something as important as this then need to poll the people, not the councillors who are out of tune with their constituents. If you want 20mph zones, do it by schools, parks, residential streets. The main roads should remain untouched. Time restricted speed zones would be better!

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

MP's and councillors are out of touch with their constituents and voters. Put these bills to the people!!

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

There would be no advantages. Common sense might say that drivers will themselves adhere to speed restrictions set In residential and school zones.

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

More pollution driving in lower gears. More accidents because now cyclists are now being more daring in their last minute manoeuvres around vehicles as they are driving at lower speeds in the city. More congestion as traffic is more slower. More people stressed sitting in unnecessary traffic. More pedestrian casualties as they are now walking out in front of slower cars. Damage to cars is now more frequent costing motorists more money, look up DPF Regeneration of cars, you'll see what I mean.

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.

I'm not here to give you free ideas how to implement such measures.

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

Car maintenance costs. Signage costs. Suing of government where injuries occur to persons or personal property like vehicles. Rise in pollution of driving in low gears.

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

Only around schools, residential areas and parks. Places where children are expected to be found need speed measures without a doubt.

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

Why would the changes in speeds impact on someone's sexual orientation? Stupid question.

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

No

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:

I've already explained in previous answers why it can't work.

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?

Scrap the idea, limit the number of buses in Edinburgh, let cars back into princes street! Penalise companies who take too long digging up streets and not finishing work on time. This all causes congestion!!!