

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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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

Please explain the reasons for your response

I see the need for a 20mph restriction in town centres, housing estates and near to schools. However elsewhere, absolutely NO! Poor idea, does not encourage people to use their cars less. As I live in a 20mph zone, and close to a primary school. It doesn't mean the kids get walked to school, the cul de sac still gets choked twice a day on a school day. At night time vehicles don't pay any attention to the speed humps they are taken a speeds causing the underside of the vehicle to be quite visible. A Blanket 20 mph would be hard to enforce. So the bill in my mind is a complete waste of time, money to change signage. The money could be spent on educating child things like highway safety, green cross code etc.

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

No

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

Its like bring back the The Locomotive Act 1865 with someone carrying a red flag in front!

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

Cause more pollution, mean that professional drivers would be less productive in the working environment. Therefore put a strain on the profitability of their employer, which turn could a negative effect on the economy of the country as a whole.

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.

compulsory black boxes, as the cost to police enforcement would bankrupt the country! SNP & the Tories in Westminster keep saying we have no money! As a tax payer in Scotland I am NOT WANTING MY TAXES SPENT ON THIS!

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					

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

Local Authorities	X					
Motorists	X					
Other						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Scottish Government - increase in Policing and prosecution etc Local Authorities - to pay for all those signs to be replaced, new road markings Motorists - higher fuel costs as it takes longer to pass through a speed restriction of 20 rather than 30 - further fuel to return to doing 60mph. To safely maintain 20mph a lower gear is usually selected so the engine speed is faster. So more fuel used and lots more pollution created - Hardly the solution from some from The Green party!

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

NO benefit - just another load of green propaganda against the motorist!

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)

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

No Response

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?

I see this bill as a waste of time, too costly when so much of the fabric of society needs money before something as crazy as this is implemented. It like bringing back the Red Flag Act of 1865. This is anti motorist, its not green to have vehicles crawl along at 20mph, taking long to pass through an urban area when they could safely go through at a quicker speed. Burning more fuel in the process, and polluting more. It is utter nonsense to suggest it would make people walk instead, get real this is 2017. Society has gotten used to their cars, to go shopping, take the kids to school etc... The only time I see 20mph as a viable limit is close to schools, parks, playgrounds, housing estates and town centres, elsewhere in town 30. NO CHANGE! and why make Scotland different to England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is bad enough on the trunk roads HGVs over 7.5tonnes limit is 40 in Scotland with the exception of the A9 where like England, Wales and Northern Ireland it is 50. We are still apart of the United Kingdom!