

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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.

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

It would be better for health, better for communities, better for the environment and safer - going some way to rescuing urban areas from the dominance of vehicles. And it would be cheaper than disconnected partial changes.

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

Comprehensive, clear legislation is needed.

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

See answers to Q1 and Q2.

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

None - once the blinkered opposition of motorists and their associations has been overcome.

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.

Less need for signage than ad hoc schemes, and enforcement easier because the law would be clear (and gradually there would be a culture change necessitating less police activity).

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

See earlier questions.

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

See earlier questions - in sum, a more humane, more civilised environment.

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

Everyone should benefit, and some of these groups will particularly benefit from not having to deal with dangerous speeds.

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

No issues.

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:

It so obviously benefits everyone and the environment. And arguments about so-called economic benefits of speed are usually specious, self-serving and dismissive of other more important factors such as the right to a safe life.

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?

Go for it.