

Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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

The claims made by 20s plenty are in most cases spurious at best. Some are plain wrong and some are pure fantasy. One example - the claims made for a 20mph speed limit to pay for its own implementation - this is based on the notional cost of a death or serious injury - but this is not a cash value it is a notional value. This in itself shows the zealotry involved in this campaign, that they simply grasp at anything that appears to support their case. They claim benefits to health from cars traveling more slowly - this too is utter nonsense since an engine running at 20mph is not running hot enough for the catalytic converter to work properly - so the complete opposite of their claim is true - it is worse for health. There are many points that could be raised, but the entire plan is utterly bonkers and in my view actually dangerous as pedestrians can be lulled into a false sense of security and take risks that could result in more accidents - especially with the growing prevalence of electric and hybrid vehicles which are virtually silent. NO, NO, NO AND NO AGAIN!!!!

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

The plan is bonkers.

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

Absolutely none - only disadvantages.

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Adverse effects on pollution.

Adverse effects on safety of pedestrians

Adverse effects on the economy as yet more man hours are lost in traffic.

Frustration caused to drivers who experience obviously ridiculous speed limits and are tempted to simply ignore them and go even faster than they would otherwise.

Massive costs to the Police if they are required to police these ludicrous limits

Yet more evidence to thinking motorists that speed cameras are simply to raise revenue if they are used instead of the Police to enforce these limits.

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.

Enforcement entirely out of proportion even to the notional benefits put forward by 20s Plenty would be required. Given that the benefits 20s Plenty are claiming are utterly credulous nonsense - the enforcement required is akin to using a nuclear weapon to dig your back garden. It is the wrong tool for a job that simply does not need doing and simply will not deliver the desired result in any event.

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					
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

There are no money saving benefits to be had in this proposal - only costs.

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

NONE WHATSOEVER.

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

Attempting to make a link to such issues is as ridiculous as reading Alice in Wonderland to get an understanding of how modern society works. To me it demonstrates the depth of the rabbit hole that 20s Plenty fell into and the extent of the fantasy world they inhabit.

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

Don't think there is likely to be any negative effect unless someone dies because an ambulance or fire engine is held up in the Lego Land speed traffic.

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:

Read my previous answers. It is pure fantasy that the Bill will work in any sensible way.

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?

Open your eyes - do not do this.