

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 Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I only drive through side streets at between 15 - 20 mph mostly the lower end particularly when it's school holidays, school time or weekends. The streets are so busy now with parked cars that it would be very difficult to avoid hitting a child or animal if they stepped out in front of you. I'm horrified at the rate cars go through our streets and I'm not shy in letting them know I'm angry. You could avoid, I bet 99% + incidents going at 15mph as you're more alert to what's going on around you and can anticipate what could happen so you're now more alert. 20mph speed limits should be compulsory in the side streets throughout the U.K. and monitored on occasion to keep folk from speeding. I'm sure all these folk who have lost someone in road accidents will be wishing it was law as they'd probably still have their loved ones beside them.

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?

I think I covered all aspects of this in my previous answers.

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

None. Simple.

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.

Random spot checks to keep folk on their toes and if it's a particularly dangerous road which is known for fatalities then a speed camera, but then again have the speed cameras on all side roads, it may incur an initial expense but we all know that is clawed back in no time by idiot speeders.

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						
Local Authorities						
Motorists						

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

Other						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

I've not answered this as my reply is not there, which is...what cost are lives??? That's the cost of NOT putting this bill through...lives.

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

If it prevents fatalities then there's your answer.

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

Again if it saves lives then what more could you want. My son was hit by a car right outside my door and he landed on the guys front hood by jumping onto it, why did he do that?? Because luckily the man driving was only doing about 15mph and it must've been an automatic response to jump onto the hood which prevented even him having a bruise. Now if this person had been doing 30mph (the current legal speed) I believe I'd be talking about my son in the past tense and that vision still sticks with me EVERY time I drive through side roads 19 years later. It's just madness that this has taken this long to get to this stage, how many more folk have to die before the law is changed ??????

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

There is no negatives, I mean WHY would you need to speed through side streets? Late for work, job interview etc , if you asked ANYONE who had killed a person because they were a few minutes late, I can guarantee that if they could go back they'd rather be late than have blood on their hands.

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

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Please explain the reasons for your response:

I'm not really sure here, I'd be making it up if I thought I knew the budgets of any council or what they spend it on but saving lives is surely a priority. I mean the cost of a 20mph sign can't be that expensive.

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 can understand drivers getting frustrated if every village main through road was 20mph and I actually don't think that's the priority apart from schools at the times coming and going to school but when you drive at that time of the day it's expected and I don't think there's many main roads at schools that haven't got a 20mph limit when lights flash.