

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

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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 Supportive

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

Firstly it is a safety issue for me. On especially the narrower and busier roads of Edinburgh 30 mph feels quite dangerous to be in amongst as a cyclist, and I would say is a deterrent to cycling for a great many people. Also driving at 30 mph creates a disconnect with any pedestrians that you come across. As a pedestrian you're not going to wave at a blur, whereas at slower speeds you can gesture to each other in a spirit of mutual cooperation. This makes the roads no longer part of the community that they run through.

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

It is a simple solution that can be rolled out across the country that will make our roads safer, give us a better quality of life in our communities, cut fuel usage. It will also mean that there is no confusion over speed limits as there currently is.

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

As previously answered.

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

I don't think there are any.

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.

Advertising signage and police enforcement, plus use of videoed evidence by police.

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

I don't know.

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

As previously stated. also at less speed braking times are significantly better, therefore fewer accidents, and with less serious consequences. We as parents would also have far less concerns for our children on the roads.

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

Roads will be far more manageable for the old and infirm.

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

Highlight the benefits as previously listed.

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:

Through time it will be cost efficient as 20mph will be understood by everyone, rather than the current lengthy, buerocratic applications for speed limits we currently have.

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?

No.