

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

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.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

The current 20mph limits where implemented are obeyed in the exception, 9 motorists out of 10 ignore them. It has always been an accepted practice that speed limits should be set such that the limit is obvious based on conditions, some of the roads now set to 20mph you could land a jumbo jet on them, roads near me hardly have any pedestrians or cars on them and are set to 20mph. I notice that a school near me now has triggered 20mph limit warning signs, this was unnecessary before when they had time controlled limits as more people obeyed them, now there are no special signs people do what they do everywhere else and drive at 30. I have yet to find any driver who supports these limits and without their support they will fail and will be more likely to fail if signs are no longer needed.

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

There should be no proposal to reduce limits as a reduced limit is pointless unless people obey it. Unless you want the police on every road you need drivers to consent to it.

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

Zero

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

Explained earlier

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.

Signage won't help as they are pretty well signed but people ignore them. You need the consent of drivers and just saying it is the law will not make them obey it. It is the law to drive at below 70mph on the motorway but a large percentage ignore it

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						

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

No

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?

Unsure

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?

Unsure

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?

Waste of time and money as will be only obeyed in the exception.