

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Because of the new Sewerage Plant being built in Ardersier and the associated pipework by Morrison Construction on behalf of Scottish Water, who are in turn acting for Moray Estates Development Company, there is a large increase in traffic. Few keep even to a 30mph limit, and it is becoming very dangerous. Only sheer luck is stopping a major accident, do we need to wait till someone is knocked down or killed before any action is taken? We have tried for years to get a 20mph speed limit but Highland Council, far from helping us, appear to think there is no problem. Many are from Fort George, some military but also a lot of visitors to the area. We are told to report incidents to the Police, but the cars are just too fast to get a registration number!

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?

Lower speeds through village roads used by pedestrians and school-children has got to be a priority.

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

No Response

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.

There should be a 'zero-tolerance' approach to speeding, just as there is to drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
More signage is also necessary.

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

For motorists, a lesser speed should result in saving fuel. The cost of policing this should not be any greater than the present system of speed cameras. Lower speeds should also mean less risk of injury, thereby being a saving to our NHS.

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

Yes. As previous reply - lower speeds should result in less risk of injury thereby valuable NHS resources.

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

Surely anyone who cares for others cannot fail to see the positive benefits of such a move?

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?

Yes

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?

Lives matter. Please make this a priority.