

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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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

20mph is simply far too slow in this modern world we live in. I start and finish work at all kinds of times. Getting up at 1am to start work and then drive along many dead streets at 20mph is simply ridiculous in this day and age. Trams in the streets of Edinburgh were doing over 20mph 100 years ago!!! So far I have not met a single person who is supportive of this stupid idea by government. At the end of the day it should be up to the people of the country to decide what rules are put in place NOT politicians who sit there in their office making up rules for the rest of us. Let them come out and try and work in such circumstances!!

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?

No advantages whatsoever. More traffic is all it will cause as has already been seen in Edinburgh. The only advantage will be for the councils and police force to once again get money out of the public. Another moneymaking scam!!

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

Much more traffic at a stand in the streets and people getting more stressed while crawling along in their cars. Example, if a traffic light changes to green, at 30mph you may get let say 10 cars through the lights. Now at 20 you only get 6 or so. Then the jams start and before long the whole road is at a stand and people are getting frustrated and angered from sitting. People start to take chances because they cannot get to work etc. It may be ok for a politician to be late for work or for the people who bring up these stupid proposals but for most of the country's workforce we will be in big trouble. Please think of the workers and the people who are actually paying tax to keep the country going and not just yourselves!!!

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.

Would it not be better spending money on our already trashed road system instead of bringing out these stupid laws?? If our cars etc were in the condition of the roads we would be charged!! Would we not?? Once again, this is just another excuse to make money from the motorist!! Tell me this, what are we to do as workers in Scotland?? How can we get to work without using our cars?? I work all around the clock and much of the time there is no public transport. During rush hour I cannot get on the trains as they are full so we MUST use our cars!! Go and see what Norway has done to maximize the traffic in their city's and all around their country. Tunnels under the city's and all BUT no, our wasters in power will simply not put the money back into our land and would rather bring up stupid 100 year old laws such as 20mph!!

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						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

It will certainly cost the motorist much more time and money. The traffic getting in and out of Edinburgh is terrible as it is but now since the stupid 20mph limit was brought in the traffic congestion has doubled and is now worse than ever. People now have to leave home much earlier to travel. How about leaving the 30mph in place and educating the fools in the street who much of the time have no road sense at all. Pedestrians with all their headgear on and music blasting in their ears just walk out without looking and just as like many other times in Scotland the good people are being scrutinized for their stupidity.

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

No benefits at all. However I do believe 20mph in some small housing schemes etc is ok as children etc are playing but on general city roads and out in the country its nothing but a money grabbing scam to catch more motorists. It will just make this government nanny state even more of a nanny state

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?

The 30mph limit has been there for years so leave it as it is

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:

There will be so much more standing traffic which of course will be much more worse on environment

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?

Forget about it and put the money into what is needed in our country. The road system is in tatters right now. Would it not be better spent on fixing up the road system?? I feel this stupid 20mph will just be another one of those stupid and waste of time moves by the powers that be. Just like many other things were such as the rising bollards that were fitted and later removed from George street. Its time the powers that be look to the future and remove their anti car tactics from Edinburgh etc and try to make things better for the motorist all round. Almost all traffic lights in Edinburgh have sensors attached to them but the lights still take half a century to change even though there is no other traffic in sight. Take a look at Germany and places like Norway and you might learn something. Learn to go with the people who pay your wages and NOT against them!!!