

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I live in a small village which has a main B route through it. We are very concerned by the speed at which cars travel though the village. We have a mixed residency of older people and young children. We have many animals too - horses, dogs, cats - and there have been accidents involving animals. The police and Council say that traffic calming is not required as a traffic monitoring exercise suggests that the speed of traffic is not an issue. This is not accepted by residents of our village, Midlem in the Scottish Borders, including myself. For safety for all, a speed reduction to 20 mph, is an excellent proposal and would for our village seem right and proper. I agree that the proposal is right and proper for all similar villages and indeed residential areas of towns and cities. Following Edinburgh's recent developments, where all streets leading off the main roads adopting a 20 mph reflects sensible thinking around safety for all.

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 Response

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.

No Response

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					

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

Local Authorities		X				
Motorists			X			
Other						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Scottish Government needs to make available to local authorities budget to make the necessary improvements to roads - calming requirements - and signage. Advertising off changes through media, info in public places etc will be needed. Possible costs related for speed detection equipment Local Authority - costs for new signage, calming equipment, advertising and education. Also costs of making road and pavement surfaces fit for purpose and safe

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

No Response

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

Positive for everyone, not protected groups specifically.

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

No negative impact in my view

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:

We all need to sign up to this to make our communities safer. What would be the problem - everyone just travelling a bit slower to achieve greater safety for pedestrians and drivers alike.

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 Response