

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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

This is one of the most ludicrous propositions to potentially go before the Scottish Parliament. It is a distinct case of a sledgehammer trying to crack a nut. Whilst I fully support a reduction of speed limits in areas of HIGH RISK ie outside schools to propose a blanket 20mph limit in towns is unmanageable, unable to be enforced, provides no tangible benefit (speeders will always speed) and in most Scottish towns travelling at 20mph is actually quite difficult in a modern car as you would need to travel in 2nd or 3rd gear, which would mean using more fuel and polluting the environment and consequently using more of the Planet's resources - seems bizarre this is being proposed by a member of the Greens Because the Scottish Government has failed to manage the economy there are fewer policeman, traffic wardens, community police officers etc so how do you propose to ensure the limits are adhered to?. Who will pay for the revised signage, is it central government or the Councils who are cash strapped because of Scottish Government policies Whilst the SNP/Green Alliance may have desires upon Marxism, this is a step too far. I would also challenge the environmental credentials of the Green Party proposing such a ludicrous Bill as has been proven in larger cities, stop start is detrimental to the environment. This proposition is as daft and ill conceived as signposts in Gaelic for the 1.1% of the population that actually speak Gaelic.

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

Selective high risk areas to be considered and managed by local councils

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

None

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

Unmanageable
Unable to police
Costly in terms of signage - more tax payers money wasted
No tangible proof across the board limit actually saves lives
More pollution
More fuel useage
Damage relationship between people and government

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.

That is an assumption I agree with the proposal - which i dont

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

The financial implications in your summary paper do not make sense and without seeing the detail it is hard to comment, but lets be sure of one thing it will not be cheaper

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

No
Although prepared to consider if you raised the speed limits on other 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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

Please explain the reasons for your response

What an absolutely ridiculous question. If I were gay it wouldnt make a jot of difference if the speed limit were 30 or 20 I would still feel the same way about it. I think this question is insulting in the extreme

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

No comment

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:

Unnecessary expenditure Increased environmental impact

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