

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

Page 2: About you

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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

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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

The arguments placed forward by the so called government experts are a nonsense. The system is not working in Edinburgh, its leading to more congestion and worst air pollution. Journey times are increasing and therefore more pollution into the air and you don't need to be an expert to work out that simple equation. As Manchester found out the it didn't work and nor will it work in Scotland. The reason most people don't cycle in scotland is simply the weather conditions and the fact that the government expects motorists now to simply give up waiting on congested roads and change over to becoming a cyclist is laughable. I am all for speed restrictions outside every school, hospital, elderly care home across the country but 20mph blanket zones just leads to more tailgating, driver frustration and dangerous driving.

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

The benefits sought are laughable as the understanding of the issue is missed by a blanket roll out. The only aim truly commendable is trying to reduce casualties and I fully support tackling this issue. This issue can however be better managed and controlled by have traffic experts employed locally to find individual solutions to local accidents locations or problematic areas. One size fits all approach is a waste of time, resources and capital. Councils need to tackle issues locally and let their local residents decide the best way forward with traffic experts to explain 'why there are proposed changes'. To make the whole process work more dialogue and interaction is required. The approach again is knee jerk and ill thought out.

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

The advantages would be the square route of nothing apart from signage companies would make a one off fortune.

Government needs to improve over vital areas such as education and healthcare which lets face the facts you are seriously failing in.

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

More pollution.

More wasted time spent on journey times.

More frustrated drivers.

Worst driving.

More reckless overtaking on urban roads. You only have to drive around Edinburgh to witness this.

More police time wasted trying to deal with minor road infringements.

More capital wasted on a signage.

More congested roads.

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.

Not enough resources to cover this and therefore you pull stretched resources already in place even further.

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					
Motorists	X					
Other	X					
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Wasted resources and time.

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?

Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

Worst written question I have ever seen for a traffic survey. As much relevance as the proposed benefits the bill will bring.

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

Who is writing these nonsense questions? This is as frustrating as driving through Edinburgh.

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:
As per the answers before.

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?

Place a restricted speed zone and camera outside every school and hospital across the country. That will save lives and not resources.