

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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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

Cars drivers do not respect speed limits, and cars kill even at the lower 30 mph speed limit (which often means they are doing 30-35 mph or faster). 20 mph is a substantially lower speed, it gives more time to cross roads for pedestrians, more time for cyclists, and I believe it may begin to change the culture among car drivers that it is their road that they pay for (an incorrect view, but still one widely held) by lowering speed and taking back control of roads for everyone, not just car drivers. Also lowering speed limits in urban areas will make it less attractive for lorries that take a short cut through our town.

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

Because there are areas with a 20 mph limit in our town, but it is very patchy. If there is a bill in the Scottish Parliament it will be something that must be done everywhere and not at the discretion of local councils. And widespread implementation will make it clearer, it is urban, you do 20 mph, and not 'I didn't see the sign I thought it was 30 mph (so they were doing 35 mph)'

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

Safer streets, more cycling and walking, children able to play in streets again. More control over our urban space. So health benefits and hopefully environmental benefits.

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

None. Thank people don't like it!

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.

I think there will need to be a period of greater enforcement.

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

In the short term I would expect there to be some increase in cost for both the Scottish Government and Local authorities, in the long term this would be offset by health and environmental benefits. Motorists, they would use their cars less as journeys are slower so within their local area they may as well walk or cycle or use public transport, so they would reduce costs even though their car may not be as efficient at 20 mph.

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

A change in culture. We need to learn to love our streets again so they are for everyone. They don't belong to car drivers, we shouldn't have to get out of their way, they need to learn patience and cooperation. This would be a first step towards removing the 'car is king' philosophy of the road.

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

Cars kill at speed, they don't really care about the Equality act. Car drivers can be equally irresponsible, that is not effected by the Equality act. And driving slower and taking slightly longer to get somewhere, this will happen to everyone.

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

I think that the effects will be positive for all groups.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

The environmental impact could be offset by greater use of public transport, walking and cycling for short journeys. The economic impact could be offset by ensuring that lorries use approved routes and stay out of urban areas. The social impact would be positive, more walking, cycling and meeting people and saying hello.

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?

I fully support the proposal.