

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Partially opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I can agree with the need for this restricted limit at specific area's Schools, elderly care homes and hospitals to name a few, but I refuse to accept the blanket coverage on the roads leading to and from the centre of the city. I personally don't think that a group of cars and buses and everything in between driving along at 20mph is helping the pollution in any way whatsoever, I would be more inclined to believe that it is doing the exact opposite, it may even be giving our youngsters a false impression on crossing the roads, it certainly will not be helping them when they are in city's that don't have this policy. As for school's nobody wants to see any child hurt and I do believe that should a person whatever their age be struck by a moving vehicle, at 20mph they stand a better chance than being hit by a faster vehicle, but the worse thing is that in my career I have seen a few people who were killed, not by a vehicle going faster indeed much slower, it was not being struck that killed them, as the vehicle was going slower they were not flung away from the vehicle thus allowing them to be put in the position of lying in front of the wheels, and once the wheel had run over them there's no chance of survival. I know that something has to be done to help our citizens and children from being knocked down, but this is definitely the wrong direction to take, we need a universal speed limit, as we had 30mph on b roads in town and cars/vans in fact any vehicle, that is at a school without prior permission , with the only reason being to drop off or pick up pupil's, should be served with a fixed penalty notice served in the lack of a constable or traffic warden by the headmaster of the said school. Maybe even keep the flashing lights and reduced speed limit, making sure that it is used only when the school's are in use not as so often happens, during public and school holidays.

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

This is an important subject and should be treated as such, as it affects both tourism and the long suffering Edinburgh residents, who are often forgotten about. You should try going to start a shift at 5am when there's nobody else about, no traffic, nothing but you meandering through the city at 20mph on the way to start a 8 or maybe even a 12 hour shift.

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?

See previous answers.

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.

Flashing lights, bigger signage and more police presence to advise.

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

I assume that it is the Scottish governments idea, that is the ones who fly about in helicopters or cars that have a police escort, which makes them free of any restrictions, while we're held up till they pass bye. So therefore it hould come out of there budget.

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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

Please explain the reasons for your response

Why should it ? What would have changed that makes them any different from me

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

I thought that we were all equal, there for I don't understand why you should think there should be.

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:

It is going to affect everything, it is like a step back in time.

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 think that this whole idea is flawed, and the Scottish government should go back and think again !
Maybe it might be a good idea to talk but more importantly listen to the people of Scotland and hopefully come up with an idea that works for the people not one that just looks good on paper .