

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 opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

20 mph is an unnecessarily and unrealistically low speed to impose. It is much easier to maintain a low speed using a cruise control and most cruise controls currently fitted to cars will not engage at 20 mph. If car drivers are to maintain a steady 20 mph without the assistance of a cruise control, they will be concentrating more on trying to not exceed that speed rather than looking at the road ahead for potential hazards. I might accept a compromise where a speed limit of 25 mph was proposed, as this is an easier speed to maintain than 20 mph, and is likely to be more fuel efficient.

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

I have no knowledge of the machinery of how these processes work

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

The SNP administration would become so unpopular, that they would quickly be consigned to history. This would be a happy day for the majority of Scots who do not want the SNP separatist agenda to succeed.

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

Increased fuel efficiency
Increased vehicle emissions in built up areas
Cruise controls on cars tend not to engage under 25 mph
Cars unable to make progress, especially when roads are really quiet, e.g. overnight
Longer journey times, especially for coaches arriving in large cities following long journeys
Driver frustration
The difficulty, if not impossibility, of enforcing such a limit
The Police do not have the resources to deal effectively with enforcement since they have been put in a state of disarray, following changes made, and interference by SNP controlled administration

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.

The Police would not have the time, the will nor the resources to enforce a 20'mph limit.
The only way that a 20 mph limit could be successfully enforced would be if automated speed check devices were installed surreptitiously and fines arrived unexpectedly through the mail.

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

It's a lose lose situation for everyone and mayhem would ensue on the roads

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

No, the only benefit would be that the SNP would quickly become so unpopular that we would be rid of them, and the stupidity and nonsense that passes for government, and that has now endured for over ten years.

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

The Equality Act 2010 act is a substantial and complex piece of legislation. My knowledge of it is insufficiently detailed enough to make an informed comment.

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

I am not qualified to 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:

There will inevitably be a price to pay in many areas if this were ever to be approved. I don't have the time to write an essay, let alone a book, at this 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 would prefer to see steps taken to improve driver skills instead of a 20mph speed limit.

It is my opinion that many people who pass driving tests and consequently hold licences to drive lack the necessary skills and ability to be safe at the wheel. These people will never be good or skilful drivers as long as they live, because they are not "drivers", they are merely people who move cars from one place to another. Many such people think that being involved in an accident at some time is an inevitability, and that when it does occur, it will be someone else's fault, the weather, the construction of the road etc etc, but rarely will they consider that it was avoidable.

It should be realised by Governments and Adminstartions that holding a license to drive is a privilege and not a right. People who are incompetent and can not display high levels of skill at the wheel should never be allowed on the roads. This in turn should reduce congestion, accidents and pollution. This would then produce cost savings in areas such as roads maintenance, road closures due to accidents, accident attendances by the emergency services and investigations into accidents.