

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

Page 2: About you

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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".)

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 Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Cairneyhill school and Parent Council have been campaigning for sometime to have better speed restrictions and safer crossing areas for our children for a number of years. Whilst we have a 20mph restriction along the school road many of our children and their carers have to cross the busy main street from the other side of the village to get to school. This is an issue due to speeding and the recent lack of a school crossing patrol officer.

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 safety of all needs to be taken seriously and with due consideration therefore the bill would seem to be the best way to deliver the aims of the proposal.

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

Safety, safety, safety. This has to be the main consideration for all ages and demographics. There are many risks to be taken into account when discussing built up areas in addition to speed we also have several small businesses in our village with large HGV trucks not to mention Petrol tankers delivering in the main street adding to safety concerns.
We would also agree that this would encourage healthier activity such as walking to school which helps our children and parents and reduces traffic risks around the school building.

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

Cost. This year saw yet more cuts to our school budget which have an impact on our children's education, the standard of the school building and equipment. As a parent council we have never been busier trying to raise additional funds for things that should be government funded.
You cant put a price on safety but you can put a price on a child's education, so where will this additional funding come from?

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.

Additional signage and enforcement is the only way to ensure the new speed limit will be complied with however again this will come with additional costs and strain on our law enforcement.
We have been campaigning for a zebra crossing and flashing speed sign at our school for over two years at each time we are told there is no budget for this so where will the additional funding come from?

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

As highlighted in previous response from our experience budgets for Scottish government have already been reduced significantly this year and local authorities. Any cost to motorists will only result in money going back into Government funding and used for what???

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

Already covered safety, health and well being. Unsure if this will have a major impact on the broad spectrum or just result in additional cost with no real benefit.
Perhaps it would be better to concentrate on specific areas of concern which need more focus.

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)

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

No Response

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:

There are always ways to reduce impact, especially environment by looking at how this is implemented and use of energy saving materials such as solar power etc.

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?

Make sure this is impactful and not just to be seen to reduce speeds. Unless this is monitored then will it actually be effective. Better to spend valuable money on roads that need specific traffic restrictions.