

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

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

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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

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Representative organisation (trade union, professional association)

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.

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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 supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Some members of the Parent Council are fully supportive of the proposal since they would like to cycle or walk to school with their children - or allow older children to walk to school on their own - but are deterred by heavy traffic travelling at speed. They also suggested that a lower speed combined with more pedestrian crossings and/or school crossing patrollers would be helpful. Other members of the Parent Council feel less strongly about the need to reduce the speed limit further.

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

Unsure

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

The proposal should help to increase road safety in the vicinity of key locations such as schools.

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

The reduced speed limit could negatively impact on the flow of traffic if applied universally on the designated roads rather than, for example, at specific times that coincide with the arrival of pupils at school in the morning or their departure at the end of the afternoon in the case of restricted roads around schools or nurseries.

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.

Increased signage would be important. Equally, based on the observation of some parental behaviour when parking at school (disregard for rules such as not parking on zigzags), police enforcement would be necessary - at least initially, to enforce the new rules.

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			

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Other			X			
Police Scotland						

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

Potential positive impact from an environmental perspective (lower speeds and a resulting reduction in emissions).
Also, health benefits if there is an increase in the number of pedestrians, i.e. Parents and children walking to/from school due to improved road safety.

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?

Yes

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?

No