

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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.

Fully Supportive

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

I live on the High Street in Rothes and over the past few years the standard of driving has been shocking in the town. Traffic totally ignores the speed limit as it is and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident or fatality on the High Street. As a former Fire Fighter I have seen enough of them, mostly caused by speed. I think a 20mph speed limit will greatly reduce this risk if it is enforced. Unfortunately speaking to some police officers in the past has only shocked me to the lack of cover and interest. Any day of week in evenings the straight from traffic light down and out of town is a race track.

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

No

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

Taking it down to 20mph will at least slow some traffic down, even if it is the old 30mph limit they come into/leave town it would still be an improvement.

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

No one to enforce the limit leaving it a free for all as it is.

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.

More cameras which could be moved from town to town. The temporary "smiley" ones which are set up from time to time do make a difference surprisingly and are only for driver information. Enforced ones should be even better.

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						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response
Everything will be passed onto motorists as usual.

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

No Response

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

This question seems totally irrelevant. Doesn't matter who you are speed limits are for everyone and if you break them you should face the same as anyone.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Once people get used to driving like this it should become second nature. Hopefully.

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?

Will need support from the Police to have any chance of working if passed. Would you get that with all the cuts to the force.