

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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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

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

It would make roads safer and improve the environment, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Hopefully encouraging more adults and children to feel safer walking and to use bikes as their means of transport. This is important in all areas especially more deprived areas where the health benefits by far outweigh any disadvantages.

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

Without this law people will not change behaviour. And many hours of debate will be duplicated and wasted across the country. Also people will get used to the change in time EG in Edinburgh car drivers are generally slowing down with the new 20 areas. The other roads through town at 30 don't need to be and would benefit being 20.

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

Helps everyone be clear on speed limits in different areas and car drivers more likely to drive more slowly in restricted urban areas.
There will be environmental and health benefits.

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

It will take longer to move around towns by car, but that should be the aim (discouraging over reliance on cars)

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.

Certainly signage and publicity campaigns.
Enforcement of new speed limits by police is vital eg floating/mobile speed cameras
Could community service orders be issued for repeat speeding offences?

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 |
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| Scottish Government | | | X | | | |
| Local Authorities | | | | X | | |
| Motorists | | | X | | | |
| Other | | | | X | | |
| Police Scotland | | | | | | |

Please explain the reasons for your response

Overtime the benefits of the bill eg environmental and health, will far outweigh initial outlay to set up It is not a cost equation comparing monetary cost versus saving in healthcare costs or longer time travelling from a to b

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

Feel I'm repeating myself
Safety, improving the environment to be more community and people friendly is important. Then more people will walk, ride bikes and use public transport

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?

Slightly positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

If we're healthier we'll be happier and this benefits everyone's mental health

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

Don't see how

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:

A key benefit is to make a positive environmental and social impact which can in turn improve our economy (there is lots of evidence across the world)

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?

Involve local communities in the implementation