

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

We already have a 20mph speed limit on those roads where it was deemed to be necessary. In some cases the reasons are clear. In others - for example wide roads in areas without parked cars and little pedestrian traffic - the 20mph seems unnecessary. To impose this limit in a blanket fashion will further add to the existing congestion in Edinburgh which at times brings the city to a near standstill. My view is that once reduced, speed limits are never increased again even if statistics show that there is little if any effect on accident statistics. If 20mph is safer and cleaner why not make that a speed limit for all roads in Scotland including motorways? The reason is that journeys would take excessive times to complete, industry would suffer, and we would fail to be competitive. These same issues apply to the city. We have enough 20mph roads.

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

The aims are misguided

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

None

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

Increased congestion

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.

It would be useful if the police were to make some effort to apprehend motorcycle thieves who ignore all speed restrictions.

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					

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

Local Authorities	X					
Motorists	X					
Other		X				
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Motorists would take longer to make journeys. Time is money. Local authorities would need to supply new signage. The Scottish Government relies on a profitable economy. This would have an adverse affect on Scotland's.

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

None whatsoever

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 is nothing to do with any of the above.

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

Are you kidding?

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

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?

We have sufficient 20mph zones already.