

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

This Scottish Government is intent on making everyone boring pacifists. They have removed enjoyment from the Scottish way of life. First in with smoking ban, then they kill off local pubs with a Mambie Pambie approach to drinking when it's those that are way off the limit who are the offenders. Now we get a 20mph speed limit and again it will be the boy racers that get away with it while the rest of us lose our licences by doing 22mph on main arteries into towns and cities. There is already road rage from cyclists in South Queensferry who object to cars dropping down to 20mph when they come down the hill to the Hawes Inn. The cyclists overtake the cars! Why don't you impose speedometers and insurance on cyclists? How long will it be until pedestrians wielding walking sticks are overtaking cars?

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

Address the problem by targeting those who cause it

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?

More speeding offences.

Loss of concentration by drivers driving so slowly through built up areas.

Longer journey times.

Cost to delivery businesses.

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.

Can public transport cope with the number of motorists who would give up attempting to use it?

City centre regeneration may as well give up since everyone will be forced out of town

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		X				
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Doing nothing costs nothing. By definition change means cost

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

No

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

Get a grip. This affects everybody not just protected groups.

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

No

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

There will be economic consequences. Very negative on business especially those in town. Social consequences - yes, people do not drive into town stay at home and live on their tablets Environmental - town centres become even more run down

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?

Forget it