

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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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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I cycle and walk most of the time - as do my children. The traffic-slowing measures will make a big difference to the safety within the city in terms of traffic-cycle/ traffic-pedestrian accidents. I do not know if the number of incidents would be lessened, but the severity of the injuries caused would, and that would make me a happier cyclist, and much happier mother.

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

I think a blanket change of speed limit within the city would be the clearest strategy. I notice all too often that drivers do not seem to know at what speed they are supposed to be driving, and, to be honest, when I drive, I do not feel as if I know myself.

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

A lessening of accidents which would help increase the use of cycling in the city. Moreover, parents worry a great deal about their children crossing roads which do not have pedestrian crossings on them: a significant reduction in the permissible speed of cars would help allay those fears and allow children to roam the streets a little freer than they do at present. Hopefully, the reduction in the speed limit would also encourage more people to seek other modes of transport - the differential in speed being lessened.

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

Frustrated drivers.

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.

Cameras and speeding fines. I do not know why there are not more cameras sufficiently equipped, technologically, to prove a speeding driver and be the warrant for a fine. The law is broken so often by drivers because the penalty is so unlikely to be incurred. For many drivers, I also think the sign which says 'Slow Down' - or 'Thanks', with a happy face, is a good help.

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						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Authorities should break even if they were more diligent about fining those breaking the law. Some motorists would be fined - but overall, it would likely not make a financial impact on them. The Government would need to engage in a public awareness campaign so that would necessarily cost them financially.

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

I think the atmosphere of the city would be improved - I don't mean environmentally, although I suspect that would be true too.

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?

Unsure

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:

Why not? It is not an entirely new rule, but the alteration of something - speed limits - that are entirely accepted within our culture.

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 Response