

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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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 live in a village on the A9 and the volume of heavy traffic using this road has increased incredibly. This traffic has to cross a bridge in the middle of the village and one breathes in if having to pass a Lorry on the bridge - the Lorry being over the white line. Parents taking their children to school are hugging the side of the bridge. I strongly feel that a 20mph limit through the centre of the village and the roads children cross to get to school would make it safer, not only for the children but for the older residents too.

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

It would have to be in law to make it workable.

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

The main advantages would be to slow traffic and make drivers realise that this change in the law is not to punish drivers but to protect the more vulnerable members of society.

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

Policing traffic.

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.

Signage would be essential of course. Police enforcement is more difficult - Police numbers have been reduced so much that it is hard to see how they could enforce this. Police Scotland was a mistake and we should revert to the County forces we had.

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						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

There would be some cost for things like signage. However costs should be kept in check by including Penalty Clauses in any contracts awarded. What a saving that would have been with the Edinburgh Trams fiasco.

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

Just generally making things safer in sensitive areas.

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

I can clearly see that it would benefit anyone who was disabled but for the life of me I can't see what on earth a speed restriction has to do with the other groups listed.

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

I can'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

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.