

Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

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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

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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.

Partially opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Quite apart from being a licence to massage and improve police resolution targets, I see this as being just another way to extort money from the public. That said' the idea has merit if implemented sensibly and selectively. I am in full agreement outside schools, shops and in some residential areas As for arterial routes through residential areas this will only add to congestion and thus pollution. Also the legislation should take in to account the difference between 3am and 3pm therefore should perhaps be restricted to peak hours eg 7am-8pm?

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

Mis trust in the abilities of our politicians to deliver clear, cohesive decisions. Usually a good idea comes out the other side as a shadow of its former self having been bent out of shape by people with ulterior motives who simply shout the loudest.

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

As previously stated, if implemented selectively and at peak times then this should see a reduction in injuries.

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

Potential additional congestion and pollution. Most vehicles at 20mph are in between gears either over revving in first or labouring in 2nd/3rd so polluting more than is necessary

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.

Nothing - for once in your miserable, controlling lives just trust the majority of people to obey the law of the land. No matter what you do, there will always be people who deliberately flout the law. Concentrate on these people (sentiment applies to more than just this incidentally.....)

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

Don't see how this can affect costs to the taxpayer (unless the intention is to plaster areas with signs, road markings and extortion cameras in which case the cost is obvious)

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

And here you prove my point - its a road traffic issue. How on earth can it have an effect on the above groups which is different to the effect on everybody else who isn't categorised. This is just typical of grievance politics being driven by people with an ulterior motive who happen to shout the loudest. This potential legislation affects everybody equally so please stop peddling this crap.

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:
previous points relevant to this answer

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?

previously stated