

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

I think the 20 limit is completely valid for areas such as outside schools or in danger hotspots. However for other areas the limit is either completely ignored (people drive as they normally would) or causes more traffic than before. As the years go on cars have better tyres and better brakes and yet the limit continues to go down. Some of us have no choice but to drive cars inside towns and cities due to work, and these restrictions would adversely impact my commute to work. As my job is limited by law on how many hours I can work this could lead to commercial trouble for both me and the company I work for.

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

Unsure

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

The main advantages would be to get everybody out of cars and onto public transport. As the public transport network is currently struggling with the existing numbers, I'm not sure this would be such a good idea.

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

Increased traffic
 More time spent idling and releasing fumes
 Increased commute times
 Wide disregard for the law
 Increases in fines for average citizens

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.

Hire more police officers

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

At 20 you often have to drive in a lower gear than usual, resulting in higher emissions and more fuel consumption. The government would collect more fines from tickets

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?

Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

Those with disabilities needing transport by car will need to allow more time than those who can travel by public transport.

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?

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Please explain the reasons for your response:

Increased emissions and increased cost to the motorist

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?

Don't do it.