

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

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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 opposed

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

You cant seriously think that reducing speed will help towards cleaner and healthier streets. Theres busses i see kick out black smoke everywhere going at ten miles an hour never mind twenty. And also driving at twenty miles an hour means in most cars i have driven you have to be in third gear. This is much more uneconomic due to cars typically being more economic in fourth or fifth gear. If it was my government i would have it raised to thirty five miles an hour as most cars i have driven can cope with and are much more economical in fifth gear at this speed. Also enforcing driving instructors to teach the use of fifth gear as often as possible at this suggested speed limit would benefit scotlands pollution rates to drop dramatically. You also mention vulnerable road users would benefit from the new limit which in my mind if you are vulnerable on the road you shouldn't be on it and take the neccessary steps to becoming invulnerable such as extended driving tests or regular driving tests yearly. I understand the meaning of it in the city's and housing estates such as Glasgow city or Edinburgh city as safety is taken into consideration around these areas with high amounts of pedestrians or children are around. However to suggest everywhere there is a thirty limit should be the same is absurd and probably thought of by a cyclist who cant pedal faster than twenty on the pavement

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?

More money for the government from petrol and diesel sales as driving at 20 will be more uneconomical.

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

More pollution of streets due to more petrol and diesel used at this proposed speed by driving at lower gears

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.

I dont agree with the proposed limit so why would i suggest how we go about getting it out to the public

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

I think my previous comments cover this with use of more petrol and diesel. This also goes for replacing signage and advertising of the new limits. Also local authorities will have increased cost in petrol and diesel in regular driving even though most police i see driving around drive at thirty five and not thirty probably due to the fact they are trying to save petrol or diesel driving in fifth gear

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

No apart from cyclists being able to keep up with cars if done so

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

You cant be serious with that question. "We drive at twenty to support the lgbt communities incase they are offended of the shape of how a three looks" or "Your wife might not like the number thirty on her lottery ticket so were changing every thirty to a twenty so as not to offend" Or "Everyone enjoys life in there twentys so were changing the numbers on the roads to remind them it better than being thirty." Come on really?

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

Wow

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:

In the future prices of petrol and diesel will go up from more use by driving in an uneconomical manner. Also pollution of the planet will rise from driving in this manner.

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?

Thirty five is better for cars and the planet