

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Partially opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

20mph limits are appropriate for safety around schools during school hours, but congestion & pollution would be a worse factor if all current 30mph zones were further reduced.

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

In exceptional areas, Councils can impose 20mph limit areas where hazards persist.

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

A small potential reduction in accidents and injuries.

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

Longer delays throughout the supply chain of goods & services.
Increased congestion and traffic.
Vehicles producing relatively higher emissions per mile due to running in lower gears longer.
Further persecution of motorists as an easy revenue target by state & local authorities.
Does not address overall standards of driving or competence.
Many stretches of 30mph road are already visibly distant from the hazards they are set to protect, and could support 40/50 mph limits.
More signage clutter around the environment.
In summary, this is an administration heavy "sledgehammer to crack nut" proposal.
There must be many more important public health & welfare issues for government to be acting on.

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.

Police activity should be concentrated on observations of hazardous driving in all areas and such individuals held responsible.
There seems to be a culture evolving that persecutes all motorists for the actions of a few.
Using speeding as a revenue raiser loses public faith in the justice system.

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 have doubts this proposal is an effective way of increasing road safety for the financial outlay involved.

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

None, except around schools and hospitals.

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?

Slightly negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

It will negatively affect all people equally.

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?

No

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?

All my concerns mentioned elsewhere in this survey.