

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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 do not feel this will be safer as people will be concentrating on watching their speedometer even more so than concentrating on the road. The fact that it will be "cleaner" to the environment is nonsense. The cars will still be driving on the road, and the revs of the car will be so similar it's not even going to make a difference. Cars technology of brakes, tyres and safety features has IMPROVED so much of the past decades, why are we looking at REDUCING the speed they go..? Increased frustration to drivers will promote risks taken elsewhere to get to their destination.

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?

No Response

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

No Response

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.

No Response

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				
Local Authorities		X				
Motorists	X					

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Other		X				
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Obviously enforcing the rule will cost money, implementing the rule will cost money. Motorists are obviously going to be caught going the old speed limit of 30mph as they will be used to that. They will also get caught because going 20mph in modern cars is significantly more difficult as one slight touch of the throttle in most cars will take you above 20mph.

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

No Response

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

Why would there be any effect from a motoring law on any equality.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

The world has enough anger in it at the moment. Adding this small extra annoyance to people will only increase their fury, road rage and ultimately impact on the amount of incidents on the road in other places. Accidents do happen. It is very unfortunate, and I am all for trying to avoid these happening. But reducing

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the speed limit is not the answer. This to me is like treating a child that cannot behave correctly by wrapping it in bubblewrap and dealing with the consequences later.

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 Response