

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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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.

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Unfortunately I don't think it really matters what speed limit you put on the streets, some people will still drive at whatever speed they want. People who would obey the speed limit are usually the one's who drive carefully and therefore it would be a waste of time, effort and money. I do appreciate however that if everyone obeyed the speed limit then there would be a realistic chance in reducing accidents etc. if the limit was reduced.

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

Perhaps we should be looking at ways to make all roads safer. Main roads leading to housing estates where there is no crossing, Airbles Road in Motherwell for example. Even though there is a keep clear sign painted on the road cars still block this making it impossible to cross. Cars speed down the road to get to the traffic lights before they change. I'm sure that this is not the only street in the uk with these sort of problems.

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

Well if hit by a car at a slower speed then there is more chance of survival.

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

People would be more likely to break the speed limit, especially if the road seemed clear.

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.

If this bill is passed then it should be well advertised. Every kind of media should be used. There should be plenty of signage alerting people to when they are entering a particular speed limit area. Unfortunately the police cannot enforce this 24/7. As long as people think they can get away with it they will break the rules.

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

It will cost to have this Bill put forward and debated. Then it will cost for signs to be made and installed, it will cost for advertising the changes and it will cost to police it as well.

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

I don't think it will affect any of these groups. I don't see how it can.

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

No. Same as before.

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:

It will involve cost to have this created and implemented and as usual the tax payer will bare the brunt of this. If this was something that would actually work/help then it might be worth a try but I don't see how it will.

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?

Who decides which roads will be affected? As I previously stated there are bigger road problems that should be getting dealt with and the money spent there so that all of us can be safe not just restricted roads. The police cannot be everywhere and even when someone breaches the road traffic act, the police are unable or unwilling to act on it.