

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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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

1) I have not been able to find any credible evidence to support that the reduction to 20 mph would reduce pollution, in fact because people would and indeed should be driving in a lower gear with increased revs I would have thought that the emissions from the vehicle would be greater rather than less. It is also spending more time in a particular street, (because it's driving slower), spewing emissions as well. As I have said I haven't been able to find any credible studies anywhere saying that a blanket 20 mph will reduce pollution. 2) Following on from this I also haven't seen any scientific evidence or even studies put forward that a blanket reduction in speed to 20 mph will have an effect on accident rates. I would suggest that more visible police to enforce the current limits, especially around schools during the appropriate times would be more beneficial. 2) Whilst there are reasons to have a 20 mph limit in certain areas, schools being a prime example which I applaud, the vast majority of streets in our towns and cities are more than capable of carrying traffic at the current 30 mph limit, this just seems to be an idea that someone has had and decided to run with it rather than trying to gather proper evidence and facts before proceeding.

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

More visible police to enforce the current limits

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

None, honestly not one.

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

Longer journey times, more congested and polluting city streets especially at rush hour, more road rage, the list is huge.

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.

Signage will be ignored by the people that ignore the current signs and if you are going to bring in more police enforcement do it now with the current limits.

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					
Other						
Police Scotland						

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

None

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

Common sense!

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

Don't think so

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?

No Response