

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Cars are continually getting safer - ABS, short braking distances, pedestrian safety etc. There is absolutely no need for this absurd change, other than to inconvenience drivers.

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

Vehicle safety is at an all time high. Better road design can accomplish lower speeds.

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

Zero. None.

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

Even longer commutes. Ludicrous fines at times when there's zero pedestrian traffic.

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 think the punishing of the motoring public need to stop.

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						

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

Police Scotland						
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Please explain the reasons for your response

Cost of new signage is likely passed on to the local gyvmt, with no extra funding. Extra fines for motorists, higher fuel costs and pollution as travel takes longer.

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

Other than police coffer, nothing.

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?

Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

Getting to the hospital with an expectant wife will take longer

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

Yes. By not introducing.

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:

Longer commutes & travel results in more pollution.

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?

It's a backwards step. With the reduction in braking distances and pedestrian safety in modern vehicles, the limit should be going the other way.