

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

Page 2: About you

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

The policy of having 20mph limits around schools worked well and the majority of drivers stayed within the limit knowing they would be back to 30mph very quickly. This is clearly no longer the case as a blanket 20mph speed limit is largely ignored. I am a motorcyclist and find myself in much more danger in a 20mph zone compared to a 30. Drivers think they no longer need to pay attention and many more do other things while driving now like using a mobile phone. They also pull out in front of me more often and just expect me to stop. The same goes for pedestrians who just walk in front of me all the time with no regard for anyone's safety. In addition to this if I try and stick to 20mph I am harassed by cars, buses or lorries driving inches from my back wheel or overtaking me in locations that are not suitable. Everyone is now angry and frustrated and less in control of their thoughts or vehicles.

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

It's just not necessary at all, this is a backwards step.

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

Politicians making a name for themselves is the only benefit I can see, there's no benefits to normal hard working people struggling to commute on already dangerously neglected roads.

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

More accidents, slower journey times, more disputes between drivers, more pedestrians injured and jobs lost.

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.

The majority of people will not comply with this, it's dangerous. Cars and motorbikes are not built to drive at 20mph, for example I need to stay in 2nd or 3rd gear on my bike which increases fuel consumption and more worryingly vibrations through my arms and wrists causing long term damage.

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						

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

None at all.

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

What a ridiculous question.

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

Again, this is a ridiculous question, why don't you protect everyone rather than special little groups of people.

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?

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Please explain the reasons for your response:

This will impact everyone negatively and be detrimental to the environment.

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 is an absolutely ridiculous idea, people need to take responsibility for themselves and learn to cross the road safely, it's really not that difficult. This is a backwards step and has already been a failure in other areas like Manchester. We should be moving about the country quicker not slower in the future.