

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Partially supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I would only offer support where roads are narrower than current standards and/or where the free flow of traffic is very restricted.

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

I feel the formal reduction in traffic speeds should be left to individual local authorities who are better aware of individual circumstances. However they should be encouraged to review speed restrictions in all towns and villages.

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

Safety had to be of paramount importance but a maximum of 20mph is not appropriate for blanket cover as each Street has its own unique set of circumstances.

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

In streets where visibility and free flow of traffic normally exists, would result in a bid up of traffic, frustrated drivers and people taking chances and risks.

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.

Speed cameras are the only thing to show traffic down. Speed bumps and other measures simply don't work.

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					

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

Motorists			X			
Other			X			
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Setting up the legislation and the cost of nationwide new signage will be very costly at a time when Authorities are already financially strapped. Reduction of speed in most areas will make little difference to safety. Speed is not the main cause of accidents - it is bad driving.

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

No comment on such a stupid and irrelevant question relative to this proposal.

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

No

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 cost to the public purse makes it totally out of the question.

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?

Pass the question of need and introduction to individual local authorities.