

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 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

Decreasing the limit will also decrease the flow of traffic causing traffic jams and frustration to road users, as the traffic builds this will lead to static vehicles idling outside homes, schools and shops. 20mph is also not a speed vehicles are ideally geared for, this will result in either higher revs causing higher emissions or alternatively higher speeds causing people to fall foul of this needless change. Further a 20mph limit will further push the concentration of drivers from the road to the speedo which endangers others.

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

Leave the limit alone

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

None, completely and utterly unwelcome and unwanted

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

Previously outlined

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.

Any and all enforcement will as previously stated force drivers to concentrate on their speedometer rather than the road ahead

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					

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

Other						X
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Vast numbers of signs will need to be changed from 30 to 20 and huge swathes of road markings for speed would have to be changed this task would be gargantuan and extremely costly. This is absolutely unacceptable given the appalling condition of many roads in towns and cities.

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)

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

No Response

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:

As previously mentioned, massive cost and waste from existing signage

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?

Utterly unwelcome.

Better driver training is required, training people to drive to the prevailing conditions rather than an arbitrary predefined limit.