

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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

A blanket replacement is not the answer. It shows a lack of thinking and one size fits all attitude rather than thinking about areas such as schools at certain times of the day and residential areas which may need the 20mph zone while balancing with commuter routes and peak times as well as through the night when very few people are on the roads. As for less pollution this is a very misleading and false statement. Pollution increases and has been shown in studies (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1361920909000169>). At least have a science based approach rather than a knee jerk jump on the band wagon stick attitude.

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

Evidence based approach. Detect areas such as schools and residential areas and make them zones rather than a blanket change.

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

None. A stick rather than carrot approach. Cars stop quicker, are safer and now have a huge amount of safety features aimed at preventing injuries if you hit someone. Therefore dropping all the 30mph speed limits again shows a total lack of understanding and evidence based approach to changing speed limits.

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

- Increased pollution
- traffic through the night slower for no reason
- frustration for drivers
- evidence suggests there is NO decrease in accidents
- Increased noise pollution due to driving in lower gear.

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.

As said I would not maximise compliance. Treating the public like a cash cow with little education shows a total lack of understanding of the population. Speed bumps do not work. I can drive straight over them!!!!
As simple method is to put give way one way passing place type junction outside schools this is the ONLY way that people slow down.

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						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Government - yet again costs of putting the bill through. Already not enough police to monitor roads so increase in policing needed, Local Authorities - cost of the signage and advertising - Better spent on priorities such as people in need!!!! Again total lack of foresight by government and spending money where it could be better used in Schools, NHS!!!!!! Motorists - Evidence has already proven increased fuel consumption. = Increased pollution/.

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

Really! Reducing the speed limit has NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ABOVE QUESTION.

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

NONE

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:

Have explained in previous answers. To add increased time for deliveries, impacting local business.

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