

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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 Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Pedestrian safety in particular the threat posed by vehicles to children in residential areas. Remove the threat and dominance of the car in town centres & residential areas. Reduced seriousness of injuries in accidents if vehicle speeds below 20mph.

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

A Bill would be the easiest way to make 20 the statutory speed limit. Leaving it to local authorities to promote 20 limits would be more costly, lead to an over provision of signs and a variable implementation across the country which will be confusing to motorists.

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

Reduced accidents to pedestrians in particular to children.
 Allow communities to reclaim streets as public space.
 Slower speeds reduce the threat, real or perceived, posed by vehicles.

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

I cannot think of any

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.

Public education would be absolutely essential.
 Review driving test requirements and guidance given to driving instructions to increase focus on road safety. Currently too much focus on driving to the speed limit.

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			

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

Local Authorities				X		
Motorists				X		
Other						X
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Less road markings & signs for LA's if 20 is a national speed limit. If accidents reduce this could lead to lower insurance premiums.

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

No comment

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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Reduced threat posed by vehicles. Roads would be safer for non-vehicle users

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

I don't know but would be sure that any negative impact could be minimised.

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Just a gut feeling

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?

National education & ongoing publicity programme would be essential