

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

This proposal is another sly dig at the competent and responsible road users. To say that it has grounds in helping the environment and protecting vulnerable people is laughable. All it seems to cause is more work for an already stretched police force to criminalize responsible road users but also help the message their resolution targets. 20mph limits are already in place in areas with the most vulnerable people are outside schools and in some residential streets.

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

By not cherry picking statistics which follow you biased narrative.

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

None I see it as a thinly veiled proposal to make the greens look as if they are competent in any way.

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

Criminalizing responsible road users. Increasing traffic which ironically will increase exhaust emissions. Forcing people on to public transport which isn't adequate.

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.

Massive infrastructure redesign including the current road network, for this to work it would need traffic calming on every current 30mph road. Which also causes more exhaust emissions as people accelerate between road humps.

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

Scottish Government and Local Authorities have to foot the bill to implement new road designs, signage and public awareness. Motorist will foot the bill in the taxes they already pay, increase in fuel consumption and wear on the running gear of their vehicles.

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

No, these question seemed to be biased towards the proposed 20mph limit and not neutral.

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

I cant see why this proposal has anything to do with which sex you relate to or what religion you do or do not subscribe to.

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

Yes scrap the idea. Not everyone can or wishes to use public transport. We don't have the climate to have everyone riding a bicycle.

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

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 Response