

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

Page 2: About you

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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".)

No Response

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Public sector body (Scottish/UK Government/Government agency, local authority, NDPB)

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

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Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council

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

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

The Community Council approve of any measure that will improve road safety, and with two trunk roads, and ever increasing traffic anything that slows down traffic through our villages would be welcomed. Children in our rural villages still use our residential streets to play, and reducing the speed to 20mph will require drivers to be more aware.

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

Without Police Scotland having the legal authority to enforce the Bill it would be ignored.

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

Reduction in serious and fatal road traffic accidents.
Reduction in vehicle emissions and pollution.

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

None

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.

A national and local campaign to educate the public.
The use of locally trained Volunteers to augment Police Resources, and enforce the Bill.

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

There clearly would be initial costs in promotion, education, advertising, and signage for local authorities as most of the residential streets are their responsibility. The residential portion of trunk roads may be optional, and no doubt Transport Scotland will argue that they will not want to reduce the speed limits or the travelling times. Motorists should use less fuel. Police Scotland should be cost neutral as fines should offset labour costs.

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

No Response

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

if our roads are safer then it should have a positive effect on everyone.

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?

Yes

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?

Our Community Council Area has two trunk roads the A82 and A86. Spean Bridge is at the intersection of the A82 and A86 & Roy Bridge has the A86 running through it. Both have problems with speeding vehicles particularly in the restricted 20mph school areas, and an ever increasing level of traffic year on year. We would like the limit reduced to 20mph throughout to safeguard our pedestrians.