

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

Page 2: About you

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on behalf of an organisation

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

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Other (e.g. clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

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

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St John Ogilvie RC Primary School Parent 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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Safety around the school is of paramount importance to the parent council of the school.

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

Fundamentally, the proposal outline to reduce speed limits is sound. It is for the Scottish Government to decide how best to implement this. However, this requires the full support of other organisations such as the police to ensure that this isn't another piece of unenforceable legislation which sees no actual improvement. One potential alternative would be traffic calming measures.

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

Child safety

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

Not going far enough in terms of which roads are restricted. For example, within Deans there are three schools on a single stretch of road - Meldrum Primary School, St John Ogilvie's RC Primary School, and Deans Community High School - we would be extremely concerned if the proposed changes to speed limit did not consider this road in any way. I appreciate this is a main bus route, but if child safety is the primary aim of this bill then the implementation must be bold.

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.

Traffic calming measures, safety cameras (either fixed or temporary), and police enforcement.

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

I would expect implementation at a local level would incur some initial and ongoing costs to ensure enforcement

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?

N/A

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:

This entirely depends on the definition of the word 'disproportionate'. Some costs are inevitable to ensure this is enforceable, but otherwise I wouldn't imagine there to be any significant impact.

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?

At a local level I believe that further consultation should be opened on the specific roads and measures to be taken to ensure that the implementation of this bill is commensurate with its aims.