

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

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Representative organisation (trade union, professional association)

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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

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

In Golspie we have advisory 20 mph roads which are ignored, an legal 20 limit would be welcome. A 30 mph limit with parked cars, pedestrians and heavy goods vehicles is to fast.

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

I don't know how else it could be delivered

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

Safer roads, also with the ever increasing weights of H.G.Vehicles the vibration transmitted into the road infrastructure is much less at 20mph.

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.

What ever the legal requirement would be.
It is a much more serious offence to be caught at 40 mph in a 20 mph zone than 40mph in a 30 mph because if I am correct double the speed limit is not a straight forward fine the driver is instead reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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

Inspection covers(manhole covers) are installed in the carriageways vibration at 30 mph is transmitted into their structure by H.G Vehicles causing them to fail. As said earlier at 20 mph the vibration is barely noticeable, the reduction in maintenance costs would be considerable.

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

Stress levels would be lower for pedestrians, sometimes the carriageway is very close to the walkway. Because of the low speed there is no need to accelerate so pollution from vehicles could be lower. A fit cyclist would be able to keep up with other traffic, no need to overtake him/her. Vibration transmitted into roadside property by H.G Vehicles at 20 mph is much less, I live next to the A9 in Golspie which has a 20 MPH zone for the local high school when it is switched on there is no vibration when it is switched of all the vibration returns.

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

As far as disability, Pregnancy and maternity goes 20 MPH gives everyone more time to react.

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

Don't know.

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?

Where, like Golspie a trunk road passes through then that road should have a 20 MPH.