

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

Page 2: About you

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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

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No Response

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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

It is safer for pedestrians when cars are driving slower.

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

No I don't think they could. This initiative will send out a clear message to everyone that we value safety over speed and that speeding is dangerous. Other initiatives, while welcome, don't send out the same overarching message, saying that it is ok to drive through some streets faster just because of the road signs and do not take into account the road conditions, parked cars, lines of sight etc.

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

This would send out a message right across the country that we as a nation don't tolerate speeding any longer. I think pollution from cars would be reduced too.

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

Can't 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.

Yes, national launch day and pre-launch campaigns like no smoking and carrier bags seem to work very well.

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

If most places were 20mph then signs would only need to say 20 instead of 30 and 20 in some places.

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

Yes.

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

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

Can't see any.

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:

Slower cars means less accidents and deaths due to roads. Less accidents means less police and ambulance attendance at the scene and less consultancy costs at NHS.

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?

Too many residential roads these days are historically too narrow for parked cars on one or both sides and peoples private drives and the traffic trying to drive down them at speed. It's very unsafe for children to try to cross the road in many areas, therefore this would help children to be able to go out to play at the park more often.