

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Most 30mph areas are in built up areas, quite often encompassing schools. This makes for areas that are busy, with lots of people coming and going, and in particular lots of children trying to cross roads. My current experience in Dunblane is that cars do not stick to 30mph, and even though we have a flashing 20mph sign when school children are walking to/from school, this is largely ignored. Admittedly, often it is parents who ignore the restrictions in a bid to get to school/home as quick as possible. A permanent reduction of speed to 20mph would hopefully make drivers slow down and think more about the area they are in and why a reduction in speed is necessary.

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

Unsure

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

Safer roads for children to cross.
Safer roads for all.

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

If a review of current 30mph areas isn't done to ensure that 20mph is appropriate in all places, it could result in some unnecessary low speed restrictions.

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.

Signage. Would also like to see raised areas at junctions and traffic calming measures on approaches to 20mph areas.

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							
Police Scotland							

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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

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?

No Response