

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Safety is the obvious one - safer for everyone, especially kids and the elderly, who need more time to cross the road. Having experienced driving at 20mph on many residential, shopping and city centre streets in Edinburgh over the last 9 months or so since our first zone went live, it just feels like the 'right' speed to be doing - whenever the limit's 30 or 40 it suddenly feels much faster than it used to! I think it's made other drivers much more polite and considerate as well - people take time to scan the oncoming traffic and pull in to let others past. Definitely see more bikes on the road as well, which is great for air quality. I feel much safer as a pedestrian pushing my daughter in her pram when the traffic's going 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

It's high time the urban default was lowered - it's been 30mph since 1930 or something! Much easier if it's changed nationally, with local discretion for councils to apply for higher limits on strategic routes. Cheaper for local authorities too - fewer signs. Also much easier to communicate and effect behaviour change if it's led at national level (cf smoking ban - that would never have worked if done just at local level!)

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

See previous answer

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

Opposition from some councils / areas. Accusations of 'nanny statism'.

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.

Huge public awareness campaign to help people understand the benefits of 20mph and why 30mph is no longer suitable.
Lots of signage to make sure people know what the speed limit is on any given road.
Police engagement with every stage of awareness campaign so people know it will definitely be enforced.
Visible police enforcement as a deterrent to speeding.

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			
Other		X				
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Costs for local authorities to apply for roads to be changed to / maintained at 30mph / 40mph Scottish Government to fund public awareness and behaviour change campaign Increased resources from Police Scotland to enforce? or the same as before - just different speed limit being enforced.

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

I think it'll make places more pleasant to spend time in, which could lead to greater community cohesion and improved footfall for local shops and businesses.
Fewer accidents!

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

Positive because the impact will be positive for all road users.

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?

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?

Get it done!