

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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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.

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Where there is dense pedestrian use I am in favour but often the 30 MPH limits are not in populated or densely populated areas and roads where a 30mph limit is perfectly reasonable particularly as breaks in modern vehicles are superior to what they were a decade or two ago.

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

self explanatory

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

Some or all of the advantages which have been outlined but when roads are obviously clear it can be frustrating to have to drive at 20mph. Correspondingly when roads are clearly busy and cluttered 20 mph is not a safe speed to drive at. Drivers use common sense.

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

Already covered at 3 above. Removal of drivers exercising common sense.

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.

Introduction of speed humps would be more effective but avoid nibs which just create dangerous situations for drivers

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

NA

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)

Please explain the reasons for your response

Self explanatory. See foregoing responses

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

Probably not. Need for speed reduction in densely populated areas would be better met by introduction of traffic calming measures and in particular traffic humps

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:

Self explanatory. As indicated above there are pros and cons if introduced and alternative and better measures are available.

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