

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Partially opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I fully back the 20mph outside schools at key times, and also in key areas identified as a risk. I feel that 30 mph is the most reasonable and practical speed to be driving at when in built up areas, and should remain, with focus on having 20mph at the key times in the key areas. This is responsible and practical, to just have a blanket 20 mph at all times of the day will slow everything down far too much in my opinion and also cause other problems, such as frustration, poor MPG on vans and lorries, and also make it will increase costs in the distribution sector with drivers becoming less productive.

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

Work with communities to have targeted 20mph areas in each community for the timings that it is required. Give everyone the opportunity to discuss and agree these locally within an agreed timescale.

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

Local people deciding what speed would work for their area. Reduced speed limit at the key times.

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

Slowing down of traffic and loss of productivity for distribution drivers and vehicles, poorer MPG so bad for the environment

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.

traffic calming as you come into the 20mph zones.

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				

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Local Authorities		X				
Motorists			X			
Other			X			
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

National and local scheme so should be paid for nationally and locally. As i wouldnt make it a blanket 20mph then this would keep costs down.

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

Whats it got to do with that? its a speed proposal.

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

Not in my opinion

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?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response:

There will be costs associated with changing speed limits and how they are enforced.

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?

Dont do it, blanket proposals rarely work, this needs to be far more specific to each community and its road links.