

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

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

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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

Adherence to speed limits is already poor, lowering the speed limit will not change this, and will only increase the number of people who speed on our roads. For instance, I live on a 'Twenty's Plenty' road, and have done for more than 10 years. Even with speed bumps and the risk of meeting a double decker bus on a corner, my neighbours and I rarely cover the full distance of the zone at 20mph or less. Even the buses on the street don't adhere to the speed limit!

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

I don't think the aims are particularly valid, therefore I'm not sure if they can be delivered in another way.

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

I can't see any advantages of this proposal.
You might save and extra life or two, or encourage one more person to walk or cycle, but in reality, more people are going to get frustrated in their vehicles / speed / take additional risks, and in the long run, there will likely be more injuries.

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

more people speeding
more frustration and road rage
more risky road crossing behaviour from pedestrians

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.

Advertising signage already exists and people just ignore it.
Police enforcement already exists, but you rarely see a police officer or a speed camera/car, so no-one really cares.
You can't put cameras everywhere.
We haven't stopped people smoking in cars, or eating, or using their mobile phones. You're not going to stop people driving faster than 20mph.

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

There's always a cost to the motorist, as we're the bad guys. I don't believe that there will be much reduction in costs or savings, it's just someone else's half-cooked idea to get their name out there and get a promotion.

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

What on earth does this bill have to do with those protected groups? Old / disabled / pregnant people can cross the road easier? If the road is that busy, build a crossing.

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

Really? Who cares?

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:

Horrible road signs will need to be build. Horrible lines will have to be painted on roads. These will have to be updated and/or re-painted regularly. Will cost money that doesn't need to be spent.

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?

It's given me a laugh, but I think that after Curriculum for Excellence, this is one of the most ridiculous things I've heard.