

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Almost impossible to successfully police and can lead to confusion. I am not saying that motorists should not be obliged to control their speed, but with so much road furniture, so many road bumps in specific areas and bad signage, the difference between 20mph and 30mph which motorists are used to, becomes irrelevant.

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

Always. Taxi drivers and the police should be consulted first. Most politicians have no idea about traffic and are motivated by personal prejudices.

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

None.

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

Traffic congestion as is already apparent on a Edinburgh's approach roads such as Newington and Leith.

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.

Unenforceable as it is.

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						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Rather a silly question. The obvious consequence is carbon exhaust emission and cost of petrol.

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?

Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

I cannot see how it would benefit anybody

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

Yes, by not wasting time and money on it in the first place.

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:

Think of the cost of painting all that signage on the roads and the number of double yellow lines that are as I write fading away because I am told there are no resources to repaint them.

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