

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

Page 2: About you

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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".)

No Response

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Other (e.g. clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

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I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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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.

Fully Supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Everyday, I see children's lives placed at risk by inconsiderate car drivers; either through their driving at excessive speeds, their inconsiderate parking and/or their unnecessary accessing of roads at the school which my children attend. Sadly, some parents feel the need to take their cars close to the school entrances rather than park at a distance and walk with their child the remaining short way. Of course, the situation is exacerbated on wet days. It is not only excessive speeds but also inconsiderate parking, including upon pavements and at road junctions. Cars can almost be indiscriminately abandoned. I understand the 20mph speed limit is planned also for residential areas and indeed, such a restriction has already been placed on the road on which my own house is situated. I fully approve of this, particularly since I am the father of young children. The road is a narrow one where residents' many cars, parked along its length on either side, narrow it further to only one traffic lane flow. As a result, drivers of cars travelling in opposite directions frequently become embroiled in serious confrontations. The road is also used as a rat-run/short cut to avoid traffic lights "delays" on the adjacent main road. Speed bumps have recently been installed on the main road but have proven ineffective, as the width of the individual bumps are narrower than wheels gauge of most cars. Therefore, cars can be driven over them with no effect. Continuous bumps the full width of the road are required at the appropriate intervals. Road markings/double yellow lines, etc. have been wrongly applied too.

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

Although I say I am unsure and appreciate that apparently Traffic Orders are required to allow necessary consultations to take place, I am being told by my local authority roads department that amendments to installations, which have been (admittedly) made in error, cannot be resolved until a further Traffic Order is instigated, all of which takes too long a time. From experience, I would recommend a shorter and more flexible timescale be adopted. Remember, it is lives that are being placed at risk.

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

Ideally, a reduction in car speeds and a greater responsibility being placed on drivers to drive safely.

HOWEVER, WHAT MUST GO ALONG WITH THIS PROPOSAL AND WHICH I HAVE YET TO SEE IS: HOW WILL THESE RESTRICTIONS BE ENFORCED?

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

The ability of the restrictions to be enforced. Many residential areas/ many offenders (which I see everyday in my residential street).

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.

More police / local traffic wardens / cctv installations / prosecutions.

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				
Other						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

It just makes sense that we all share the cost. Public services in great need to benefit all.

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

Noise reduction
 Pollution reduction
 Savings in NHS costs in treating injuries
 Saving lives
 Costs of road maintenance

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

Everyone no matter their background will benefit. Background is irrelevant in this matter.

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

N/A 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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:

No problem with environment and social but would question economic impact. To enforce the restrictions, this will cost money but without enforcement, the whole exercise is a waste of time and capital expenditure.

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