

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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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 supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I fully support the restriction outside schools, sports centres etc - areas where children attend for activities. Also many of the built up areas in my town have speed reduction bumps however this doesn't stop people driving over them at 30 mph, so also in built up areas a restriction of 20 mph should be enforced.

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

No

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

Once passed, all local authorities would be bound by the Bill. This makes the safety of all children paramount and equal over Scotland. Every one deserves the same access to safe roads irrespective of the cost.

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

It may delay Public Transport, however I still feel this is a small price to pay for the safety of our children.

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.

Run a nation wide campaign similar to Edinburgh.
Speed camera's outside schools - especially schools on a main road.

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		X				

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

Police Scotland						
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Please explain the reasons for your response

Scottish Government may have to release funds to boost local authorities budget so that the bill can be implemented ie, road markings, advertising, signage and also there may be an increase in cost to police Scotland to have more officers visible to the public once the bill has been passed.

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

Yes, hopefully it will have an positive impact on the environment. It may reduce the number of road collision.

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

I can only see a positive benefit for those who are elderly, disabled/pregnant - may make crossing the road slightly easier or traveling at a lower speed more comfortable etc. I don't see how anyone's gender, religion, sexual orientation or marital status would be affected.

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

No Response

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Once up and running, it will be similar to enforcing other traffic offences. I cant see how following a new traffic regulation would have a social impact.

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?

Give the poor lollipop men and women some sort of device that can clock the speed of drivers approaching them outside schools. The device could also be fitted with a camera to capture the number plate.

The amount of times that I have witnessed cars going well over the 30mph limit outside our school is shocking. If drivers were aware that our crossing patrols could indeed capture their speed and number plate it may also act as a deterrent.