

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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

At the moment there is a 30 mile speed limit in the village of Keig with flashing lights of 20mph in the morning, at lunchtime and after school. Unfortunately drivers do not stick to either of these speed limits. Recently we have been out and about in the village with groups of children both walking and doing Bikeability training(high visibility vests worn by teachers and pupils) and have noted drivers driving at much higher speeds despite seeing children. At times we have had to get helpers wearing high visibility vests to wave down the drivers before they reach the groups of children. If there were one limit of 20 mph all the time in front of the school then I think drivers might lower their overall speed.

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

I think it will take legislation for drivers to stick to lower speed limits.

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

it would give Keig School children safer travel to and from school and enable them to walk and cycle around the village at other times.

It would be much easier to carry our Bikeability training too.

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

Can't really think of any disadvantages as a slower speed limit here would not affect travel times greatly or cause traffic jams.

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.

Big campaign needed to make all drivers aware:- delivery drivers, buses, farm vehicles, cars, etc. New signage would also be needed at the start and end of the village. Police campaign at the introduction of the new limit would also be needed to get people into the habit of complying to it.

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 would be some increase in cost because of initial changes to signage, campaign etc but then running costs would be similar to the costs of the current legislation. The saving in terms of preventing accidents, injuries and fatalities far out weigh the monetary costs.

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

Could cut pollution to areas, cut injuries to animals, reduce noise pollution especially at night.

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

Being safer is applicable to everybody.

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

Not applicable

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

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?

Please bring it in as soon as you can.