

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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 opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Makes sense in the very near vicinity of schools (i.e. 50 metres either side), health centres, old people's homes etc but is often applied to significant stretches of road, making commuting unpleasant (bumpy - bad for back and car) and is unnecessary. Even more pointless is the current Edinburgh scheme of going round every single housing estate. The vast majority of such roads are too small, narrow, full of parked cars etc to aid speeding. Such areas too tend to be self-policing; locals will tend to speak to offenders. Putting signs up etc will not stop the occasional idiot and permanently making travel a misery for the rest is crazy.

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

Not sure of requirements, just keep intention to few limited aspects as noted in my prior comment.

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

None, except in the very near vicinity of schools etc i.e. 50 metres either side.

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

It is disproportionate in the extreme, unnecessary in the main (see previous comments) and is unenforceable. Our police have much better things to do with their time.

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.

Nothing please, useless signs are bad enough. The vast majority are sick of speed bumps etc everywhere. It is total overkill for a low danger, there is no significant improvement in statistics I'm aware of to justify the measures taken.

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					

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

Local Authorities	X					
Motorists	X					
Other						
Police Scotland						

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

No, it's almost completely pointless and unenforceable. And a complete waste of resources; police, council etc.

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

In the main it is pointless and will be a source of frustration and cost. Limited application around priority buildings such as old people's homes would be beneficial.

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

Yes, keep the response limited to only where it is needed.

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:

Very clearly not possible

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?

Keep it very limited