

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.

Fully Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Streets of Oban are chockablock at school start and finish times - walking and cycling are not a safe option in Oban where roads were not designed with modern traffic and pedestrians and a large amount are without pavements or step-offs. Despite this the whole town (apart from one area called Pulpit Hill) is designated as safe for walking to school. Buses are not provided for areas of the town which leaves very little option for families of young children having to travel relatively long distances (the whole town apart from street falls just under the 2 mile limit). Anything which reduces the speed of traffic for schoolchildren and their families is to be encouraged. Temporary 20mph zones are not wholly effective; drivers still go straight through at high speeds, jump red lights and the number of vehicles stopped by police when they have a crackdown show the normal picture. The amount of time gained is in reality very small between 30mph and 20mph. And in addition the speed should be zoned out of both sides of Oban eg bring the 60mph down to 40mph eg at Pennyfuir then 30 or 20 as you come into the town itself. Where the 30mph zones currently start, on the north side of town you have a desire line for those walking to school and a collection of houses on the 60mph side, despite the road being very bendy and a high quantity of accidents. There is no need for this to be a 60mph; instead as with neighbouring villages (Connel, Taynuilt etc) the speed should be brought down well outside the town and then lowered for the town itself. The same is true on the south side of town where the main entrance into the school road (where vehicles and some pedestrians exit the school) is just at the change of zone from 60mph to 30mph. This should be set further back up the road, away from this area.

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

I don't know enough about the legalities - possibly reducing speed through zoning would be a temporary measure but ultimately 20mph should be the new norm for pedestrian areas.

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

road safety, pedestrian safety, reduction in accidents, increased confidence by public in choosing alternatives to driving cars eg letting children cycle without fear of being hit by speeding traffic. Less congestion should result.

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

Public perception - people just want to go where they go, fast.

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.

heavy enforcement at start - very visual presence to remind people until it is seen as normal like 'new road layout ahead' signs where changes have been applied

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
signage, awareness etc...

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

I cannot see a downside!

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
age - elderly and young people will most benefit

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:

reducing congestion and pollution in towns will have sustainable future 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?

hope it goes through!