

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

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

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

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Southie Parents Chairperson

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

We have been battling for a long time to try and get this to happen or get something done due to the issues of speeding vehicles around our school; we have been unsuccessful but hopefully this bill may go some way in helping us. It would also hopefully make built up areas safer.

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 a bill is needed but maybe opening up the survey to a wider audience would help.

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

Making areas especially around schools safer and keep things uniformed instead of each area council "doing their own thing"; yes it will be costly but as stated could save money and lives in the future.

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

Councils dragging their heels if pushed through and complaints over not having the money to put things in place or letting other council items slide to cover the cost. This is the only disadvantage I can think of.

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.

Road signs and more visual items to ensure people are aware of the new limits. Prior to it rolling out I think adverts on tv, newspapers, social media etc need to happen. Police need to be more visible and enforce it around more significant areas such as schools, homes for the elderly etc; to do this though we need more police free and able without taking them away from more serious areas.

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						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Yes the councils and governments will need to cover the costs but in the long run the motorists and councils should save

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

Really it is down to safety, the roads should be safer so less driving and more walking maybe and reduction in costs of car ownership and to deal with accidents if/when they happen.

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 am confused as to why this needs to be asked...what has changing the speed limits on our roads have to do with any protected group? I am a 39 year old straight white British female who is divorced with a daughter from my marriage, she is part black (Barbados) but mainly white British, I have health issues which affect many aspects of my life and am in a relationship with view to marriage and I am self employed; with all that said you are probably wondering why I have told you all this which is my point....what has it got to do with a bill on speed limits. It should have no impact whatsoever on any protected group unless they use their part in a group to make it an issue which really is abusing their position in such a group.

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

No, people need to be treated as people and not be pandered to. If I was blind would you consider banning all cars from the roads in case I and other blind people walked into the road and got run over - no, it would be stupid!
As long as you take into account everyone's safety and are doing what is best and what the majority are happy with then that is fine otherwise you choose the minority at the detriment of the majority.

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?

I think asking for it to happen in all 30mph areas may cause people to be less likely to want it to go ahead but focusing on certain areas such as schools, hospitals and other heavy traffic of people and vehicles areas would be the best way to go.