

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".)

Academic with expertise in a relevant subject

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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 opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

More pollution, gridlocks and hazardous driving with less patient drivers overtaking on the wrong side and not waiting for pedestrians to completely cross the roads at traffic lights are just a few of my reasons.

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

Education, raising awareness, advertising, and signage.

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

On its own, absolutely nothing.

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

As a disabled person relying on home deliveries, the rising cost of deliveries is my main concern. But equally there is the issue of driver frustration with reduced road flow.

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.

Reduced number of traffic lights to aid road flow. Doing more to encourage community cohesion. Reducing life's pressures on those who rely on driving to earn a living.

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

As outlined in previous responses.

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

None whatsoever. We thought the increase in fuel prices would encourage more to use public transportation etc... but time is a scarce resource. People will prioritise according to their circumstances, and at a time when we're struggling to engage parents in their children's education I believed this will be another barrier to that.

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

As outlined previously, as a disabled person relying on home deliveries and as an employer of personal assistants and Care assistants I can not see this having anything other than a negative impact on my life either financially or socially.

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

Financial help would go a long way, but time remains a scarce resource.

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:

Every action has a reaction. Whilst I'm all for road safety, I just can't see how this is likely to have a positive one. As such, I can't see how it can be delivered sustainably.

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?

A better way forward would be to strengthen the current arrangements which are in place.