

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

20mph speed limits would make driving extremely frustrating which would only cause more accidents. It would also reduce the overall flow of traffic even further causing more congestion. The majority of people in Scotland do not have ready access to trains or subways and have no realistic alternative to road transport. As such this would simply cause more misery.

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

No

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

None

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

Reduce traffic speeds causing more congestion and longer journey times would make commuters' lives miserable.

For drivers, being stuck at 20mph would be profoundly frustrating and would only cause more accidents and other incidents.

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.

You're getting towards just banning cars altogether. It is a ridiculous proposal.

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

Someone will have to pay for our hard-pressed police to enforce this and presumably there will be more road signs, speed bumps, roundabouts, wasted court time, all the fines that motorists will be subjected to and the consequences for insurance premiums.

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

No, it is a ridiculous proposal.

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?

Slightly negative

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?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response:

I have no alternative to a car. I have to drive to work. I don't live anywhere near a train or subway station. I don't have trams. The bus service is appalling. So the effect of this will simply be to make my drive to work take even longer and be even more frustrating.

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?

Yes, I suggest the government stops persecuting motorists when it can't be bothered to provide us with any alternatives.