

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

Page 2: About you

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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".)

No Response

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Representative organisation (trade union, professional association)

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

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Abernethy Primary School Parent Council

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

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.

Please explain the reasons for your response

We have been concerned for many years now about the speed of traffic through our village and in front of our school. We have a 20mph limit in the immediate vicinity of the school, which operates 15mins before and after school starts and finishes. However, many children walk to school (the school actively encourage the pupils to walk with incentive schemes) and these pavements are all next to what can be a busy, fast road at times. We have lots of through traffic consisting of council waste disposal and a local quarry operator. Despite the occasional police presence, which only ever slows the traffic at that particular time, so many cars pass by in excess of the speed limit. We would fully support a 20mph limit from the beginning of the village all the way to the end.

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

Unsure

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

It would reduce the speed of the majority of vehicles travelling through the village. Drivers would be more aware of the village, who is walking, cycling, driving by.

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

I don't honestly think there are any disadvantages. I wonder how it would be policed though?

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.

There would need to be increased signage, local campaigns, work with local council and police groups. I think for it to work there needs to be repercussions for those who do not comply. Do the police have the resources for this?
Can we make the drivers feel it's their responsibility to drive safely, within the speed limit and look after the residents as they walk or cycle along? Perhaps school children's messages or posters made into signs could help?

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						X
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

I'd expect there to be an increase in cost in policing the limit and initial cost with changing signs and adding more.

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

It means reduced noise and damage to roads.
Drivers will be more aware of their surroundings.
Safer for parents/children/elderly crossing roads.
Safer for pets.

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

Reducing the speed limit can only be a positive for all residents/visitors to the village.

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

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Please explain the reasons for your response:

This is a sustainable proposal for traffic flow, speed and control through our village and in front of our school. Environmentally, this will reduce noise pollution, a more economic fuel consumption and socially allowing children, families, disabled, elderly and cyclists to travel safely outside their own home. Children can travel to school safely.

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 this is a very positive way to try and aid the reduction in traffic speed near schools. Traffic in this country generally is so much faster than in European villages. It's about time we put our families, neighbours and children first here too.

We, as a parent council, have been trying to engage the local council with potential road markings and campaigns but really struggle to get any support.

We have contacted all the local companies asking them to drive carefully and slowly while passing the school first and foremost but also to continue through the village in the same manner. There is only so much we can do. The police come and monitor from time to time but they are so busy and under-resourced that it makes me wonder who would police this 20mph limit.