

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

Page 2: About you

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

on behalf of an organisation

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

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Other (e.g. clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Inverbrothock 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

There are multiple benefits associated with introducing this new road safety measure. Making roads a safer environment for all users, such as cyclists; reducing the number of injuries or deaths on roads

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

Unsure how else this could be effectively delivered.

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

Along with the safety benefits sure would encourage more physical activity as in walking, cycling etc. as it presents an overall safer environment.

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

There is nothing to stop drivers exceeding limit other than responsibility, other limit-conforming drivers and rigorous enforcement. Figures released by the Department for Transport reveal 81% of drivers broke 20mph limits at nine sites across Britain, with 15% of those topping 30mph and one in 100 going over 40mph. (2016 stats)

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.

Cultural change will be by far and away the biggest challenge – how is this proposed to be addressed? Currently, we know the 20mph zone at the front of the school is not adhered to by all parents. We would suggest there needs to be thorough education on why this is the right thing to do. Stats above show that drivers, where there are currently 20mph zones, flaunt this. To make this effective, there needs to be comprehensive speed enforcement by the police; which will undoubtedly drive in cost challenges. But if this is to be taken seriously the appropriate investment should be factored in.

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					
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

• Motorists (Significant increase in cost – by way of fines for non compliance) • Other (Significant increase in cost – Police in terms of enforcement)

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

Potential to encourage more children, within our catchment area, to walk to school if there is an overall safer environment. We know from research some parents do not believe it is 'safe' for their children to walk to school due to the volume and speed of traffic on surrounding roads. This impacts the number of cars on our roads.

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

Cannot see the relevance of this question to the 20mph bill.

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

Cannot see the relevance of this question to the 20mph bill.

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:

This depends on the on going measures put in place to support the bill.

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?

We know there are a number of parents who walk their children to school daily, who are very uncomfortable with the volume of traffic during the walk. Potentially a 20 limit may encourage more children, who live within the catchment area, to walk in a safer environment and will certainly encourage better road safety.