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
Representative organisation (trade union, professional association)
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)
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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
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Q1.	Which	of the fo	llowing b	est ex	presses	your	view o	of the	proposal	to r	eplace t	the o	current	30mph	defaul
spee	ed limit	on restr	icted road	ds with	a 20mc	h lim	nit.								

Fully opposed

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

The Community Council was of the opinion that a Scotland-wide approach was not appropriate. It was felt that the local authority knew its own area. Our local authority is aware of the restrictive nature of its own regulations and is taking steps to rectify this.

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

Encourage the involvement of communities in speed limits within their area.

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

No Response

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

The sudden introduction of an overall 20mph speed limit could lead to a general disregard of such limits, whereas the present procedure highlights to drivers that the 20mph area has been identified as an area where extra care is required.

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.

No Response

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		Х					
Local Authorities		Х					

Q6.	Taking a	account o	f both	costs	and po	tential	savings,	what finance	cial i	mpact	would	you	expect	the
pro	posed Bi	ill to have	?											

Motorists		Х		
Other		X		
Police Scotland				

Please explain the reasons for your response

Implementation, in terms of signage and police enforcement, would be costly.

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

In general, a reduction in speed is unquestionably a benefit, but we did not consider that it could easily be achieved in this way.

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)

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?

Unsure

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?

No Response