

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

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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

Restriction of speed limits to 20 miles per hour on all 30 miles per hour roads is counter intuitive. Firstly, current cars have gear ratios set up to be the most fuel efficient at 30 mph, not 20. Therefore, cars will be burning more fuel thus costing everyone more in fuel. This will contribute to climate change through the release of greenhouse gasses in addition to creating more pollution for the city which is unnecessary. Secondly, after an extensive search, i cannot seem to find any evidence that reducing the speed limit to 20 mph in the current areas has has ANY effect on traffic pinch points and reducing congestion. Thirdly, the traffic lights allow a set number of cars through currently, changing the speed limits will affect this allowing less cars through as they will be travelling slower, the evidence can already be seen in Newington whereby traffic build up OUT of the city on a morning is due to this new speed restriction. Whilst i fully appreciate the lowering of the limit will no doubt save a number of lives on the cities roads, i cant help but feel that this is yet ANOTHER initiative by an incompetent government to restrict the car driver in and around the city. Come up with solutions instead of exacerbating the problem by slowing everyone down. I for one would rather not live in a city in which the cars are slowed down to a crawl allowing them to spew out more emissions and gasses adding to pollution issues.

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

NO, the aims of the proposal should be scrapped, not pushed through.

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

there is one advantage - more lives saved on the roads.

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

more pollution in the cities
more traffic jams in the cities
more annoyed people
extension of rush hour as people will have to drive slower causing a longer rush hour both before and after work. i predict it will add approximately 10 minutes to my journey to/from work with a decreased speed limit and thats without accounting for traffic jam increase.

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.

NONE. do not do it.

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						
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

the government will get money back from the number of drivers caught speeding. hence why you're doing this. local authorities will lose out as roads will be used more in terms of travel time due to the reduced speed, therefore the roads will be damaged more frequently and thus increasing the maintenance and repair bill (if they ever repaired the roads in the first place) motorists will be out of pocket through needing more fuel due to the speed change with cars not geared correctly for 20mph in addition to the increased time sat in traffic jams through congestion.

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

NO.

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

will mean people take longer to get around.

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

no.

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:

it will get to the point where only the rich can have a car in the city. or all the government jobsworths that get them paid for by the tax payer.

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