

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

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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

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

It is long overdue to protect the vulnerable road users such as cyclists, pedestrians and especially children.

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?

Better protection for vulnerable road users.
A safer environment for children.
Promoting a change of attitudes for vehicle drivers with regards to speed.

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

I honestly can't think of any, apart from the concern that there aren't the police resources to follow it up.

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.

A national awareness campaign, and the resource from the police to maintain it. There should also be an easy way for members of the public to report offenders.

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			
Police Scotland						

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Please explain the reasons for your response

Cost to implement needs to be compared to dealing with deaths and injuries caused by speeding. Motorists would also have less fuel consumption.

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

Less pollution, less worry from responsible parents about their kids, less noise pollution, less wear and tear on the 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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

This is not age or gender specific in any way, it will benefit everyone in society.

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

I don't see any negative impact on any of these groups.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

This is something that can only benefit society.

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?

Pressure will need to be put on the police to enforce it, otherwise it will not work. Awareness campaigns etc are not enough to change drivers habits, there needs to be a deterrent as well.