

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

Page 2: About you

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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

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

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Kirkwall and St Ola Community 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

Reduction in serious road traffic accidents, survival rates of casualties greatly increase the slower the speed limit, and safety benefits outweigh any time benefits.

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?

Consistency across Scotland. Drivers not distracted looking for speed limit signs.

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

Some drivers do not appreciate being "held up" by slower traffic. However the Community Council were of the view that safety benefits outweigh any time benefits - what does a few extra minutes matter when it could potentially reduce fatalities and/or casualties.

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.

The less signage the better as it can distract drivers. Education campaigns locally if and when it was introduced, ongoing features in local press. Police enforcement will entirely depend on the level of local resources and, for some, may not be a high priority, although occasional patrols can certainly remind the public.

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						

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

Police Scotland						
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Please explain the reasons for your response

If this is to be Scotland-wide, the Scottish Government should provide some funding, rather than make local authorities fund it all, particularly if it is mandatory rather than optional. If it is optional, doubtful whether many local authorities would deem it a high enough priority to target resources. For motorists, don't see that it is going to increase or decrease costs - leave a bit earlier to get to your destination!

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

No Response

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)

Please explain the reasons for your response

Cannot see it having any effect - everybody would benefit equally.

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