

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

Page 2: About you

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

St Patrick's Primary School, Denny - 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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

From a safety perspective for our pupils and their families, the slower the speed limit, the better. Also, there is a need to encourage safer routes to school, cycling to school and walking to school, so surely parents and carers will feel more confident allowing their children to walk/cycle if the speed limit is reduced, making for an improvement on overall health and well-being of all of our families. Environment factors - lower speed, lower emissions

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

Surely we need legislation to enforce this rather than local recommendation?

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

Safer towns, streets and residential areas.

Less traffic for small journeys as they may not be any quicker than walking.

Lower emissions - better for the environment

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

May lead to increased congestion in town centres

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.

Improve access to main road network to divert traffic from town centres. Our town has been awaiting a new ring road for decades and despite huge increases in the housing in the area, successive councils have neglected to make this a condition of planning for new builds or invest in improvement of the infrastructure. This lack of investment has resulted in years of cars having to drive through the town.

Traffic calming measures also seem to work, many drivers will slow down to avoid damaging their car but are less concerned with damaging the environment or the risk to other road users.

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 implementation of this would have significant cost to the Scottish Government and the Local authorities to make the necessary changes to the existing infrastructure. Motorists may find that they save in fuel costs but these costs may be offset by increased costs such as having to buy more weather effective clothes or an alternative source of transport such as a bike.

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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Elderly people may feel safer walking around their communities

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?

Yes

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?

The parents from St Patrick's Denny who were invited to respond to this consultation collectively were unanimous in their support.