

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Banff Academy 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.

Partially supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

There can be no doubt that reducing the speed limit on restricted roads to 20mph will increase safety, but we are less convinced about the other claimed benefits.

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

As is made clear in the consultation document, local authorities already have statutory powers. From our viewpoint as parent representatives of secondary school pupils, the proposal will make no real difference, because 20mph limits are already in force around schools. However, there are more pressing issues which this proposal entirely fails to address, namely traffic congestion and pressure on car-parking at peak times.

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

Enhanced safety.

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

The one-size-fits-all nature of the proposal denies any flexibility to accommodate local situations. It also ignores the issues of congestion around schools at peak times which, in our view, are more pressing.

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.

Speed limit enforcement powers are already in place.

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		

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

Other			X			
Police Scotland						

Please explain the reasons for your response

Local authorities will require to provide new speed-limit signage throughout built-up areas. They will also have to review traffic movement to assess through-routes that merit de-restriction and carry through the necessary roads orders.

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

Not unless coupled with measures to address issues of traffic congestion around schools at peak times.

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?

N/A

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

