

**ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CONSULTATIONS WORKING PARTY – JUNE 2017**

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

a) Improving Parking in Scotland Consultation – Scottish Government. Closing date: 30 June 2017

The consultation explores how parking is managed across the country, and invites views on how a consistent approach can be delivered on managing and enforcing parking on public roads, including trunk roads, while improving accessibility for all.

The Scottish Government recognises the detrimental impact that irresponsible and obstructive parking can have on local communities, including restricting access for emergency services and putting the safety of pedestrians and other motorists in jeopardy.

The consultation paper seeks views on a number of aspects, including:

- how Scottish Government can make parking laws clearer
- what parking restrictions and exemptions should apply
- the best approach for managing parking, and
- how to manage the placement of vehicles in today's town centres, including improving accessibility for all, while incorporating new technology.

The consultation paper can be found here - https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/user_uploads/improving-parking-in-scotland.pdf.

b) Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill - Mark Ruskell MSP – Mid-Scotland & Fife Region. Closing Date: 7 August 2017

Consultation on a Private Member's bill in the Scottish Parliament that proposes reducing the default speed limit on restricted roads from 30mph to 20mph, whilst giving local councils the power to retain specific streets as 30mph zones where suitable, e.g. as designated through routes. It is hoped that setting a lower speed limit by default is the best way to ensure all communities are safe places to walk, cycle, scoot and play. The full consultation document can be downloaded from the Scottish Parliament Website [here](#).

Responses to the consultation by answering a set of questions (See Appendix 1) and providing any other comments considered appropriate.

Responses can be submitted via the Scottish Parliament's Smart Survey system at: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/20mphSpeedLimits/, by email to mark.ruskell.msp@parliament.scot, or by post to Mark Ruskell MSP, Room MG.17, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

No Forthcoming Consultation

APPENDIX 1 Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

1. **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; Partially supportive; Neutral (neither support nor oppose); Partially opposed; Fully opposed; Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

2. **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); No; Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

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

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

5. **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.**

6. **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						
Local Authorities						
Motorists						
Other						

Please explain the reasons for your response

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

8. **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; Slightly positive; Neutral (neither positive nor negative); Slightly negative; Negative; Unsure

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

10. **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; No; Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:

11. **Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to establish a 20mph default speed limit on restricted roads?**