

# 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*

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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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

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?

Cities fit for people, streets safe for kids. No longer feeling like we're penned in by speeding drivers.

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

None

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.

Full, consistent and constant enforcement. Publication of facts / public information campaigns in the media countering the usual nonsense trotted out by the anti-20mph'ers, eg: "Cars can't drive at 20", "Cars pollute more at 20", "Drivers get so bored they stop paying attention and cause more accidents at 20", "Drivers need to look constantly at their speedos to maintain 20 and will have more accidents", "why is that cyclist not forced to do 20mph" etc etc.

## 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						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Reduction in congestion with smoother driving, reduction in the costs associated with dealing with accidents, reduction in damage caused in accidents to street furniture and buildings when hit at a slower speed, reduction in motoring costs as drivers get greater fuel efficiency through smoother driving (and not accelerating / braking heavily as they floor it between sets of lights), less pollution and fewer health effects that drain the NHS.

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

See previous answers

## 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**

Why would it?

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?

*No Response*