

# 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

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*No Response*

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Most accidents are caused by factors other than speed, slowing down traffic causes bottle necks and frustrated drivers. You are only mitigating the result of an accident with a lesser injury, not tackling the reason they happen in the first place. Try getting the current generation trained how to cross a road safely! Most just walk out in front of vehicles, expecting them to stop instantly.

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**

Change the culture of road users and pedestrians. Constantly slowing traffic down may be good for fatal accident figures, but it impacts the productivity, economy and the travel stress of drivers. Cars are safer than ever, both in terms of their braking distances and their design with respect to pedestrian accidents.

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

Less fatal accidents, but probably not less accidents due to frustration and current pedestrian road culture.

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

More congestion, more pollution (cars are less efficient whilst shuttling between first and second gear). Potential impact to the economy through less productivity, increased travel times for deliveries in urban areas.

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.

Compliance will not fix the issue of accidents caused by carelessness and frustration. Complete waste of money and yet another tax on the motorist, who ironically will need to spend more time looking at the speedometer to ensure they do not crawl above 20mph. This would increase the likelihood of minor accidents as their full attention is not on their surroundings.

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**

More cost of Policing More cost of road signage adjustment and the road cancer that comes with that (Humps) Making more motorists offenders for travelling at say 25mph, which is still a relatively low safe speed.

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

More revenue, but this may be outweighed by the cost of enforcement.

## 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**

What difference does this make to road users and pedestrians? Are you mad? All people are equal regardless of their status, what century are you living in?

Q9. Could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected groups be minimised or avoided?

Seriously? See answer to 8

## 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?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response:**

Extra investment in new signage, extra on-going maintenance on road calming measures to enforce the new limits. Environmental impact through manufacture of all of these extraneous items which we have lived without for a very long time.

## 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?

Yes, spend the time and effort on something that benefits the people of Scotland, the low paid, the homeless and the needy.

Stop wasting time on pet projects to satisfy the grief of "Victims" families. These are tragedies, but you cannot legislate for every sad accident or peoples stupidity.