

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Mrs S Johnson

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**

My family and I visit Scotland every year at Christmas and have done for the last 7 years. I currently live in Hertford where we have a 20mph speed limit in place in one part of town. This part of town used to be chaos to get through due to narrow streets. The traffic flows much easier through here now. I am also strongly aware of how much better the chances of survival after an accident involving a pedestrian are. Implementation at the countrywide level would save a lot of time and money against town by town implementation. I would feel a lot more confident cycling on the road with my family if the speed limit was 20mph.

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Unsure

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

Implementation swiftly across the whole country

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

*No Response*

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.

Education for drivers at the learning stage. Education to include safety statistics and social implications of injuring a member of your community.

## 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?

<b>Other</b>						X
<b>Police Scotland</b>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I believe the costs will be overall neutral because there will be a reduction in numbers of accidents. Therefore less road closures. Less time lost to traffic as it flows better in 20mph zones. Drivers will save on fuel consumption. More people will use roads to cycle if they are safer therefore overall healthier communities so savings for NHS.

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

Probably quieter streets.  
More relaxed driving so people less stressed when they arrive at destination.

## 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**

Positive as much as it would be for all groups

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

I can't foresee any negative impact for these groups

## 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

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

As long as there is no sudden change of policy outlawing certain signs

## 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 sooner the better and let's hope England will follow suit