

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

With the best will in the world, there are a significant number of individuals who drive above the speed limit. Being a parent in a new school which does not have a 20mph limit outside the school on the main road fills me with fear on a daily basis when I see lorries and cars coming down the road at significantly over 30 mph. Even at 30mph, in my opinion this is still too fast. If we are to commit to investing in our children as our future, this has to encompass ensuring their safety as part of that. In my opinion a 20mph limit is only the first step in this commitment. We also have significant issues with traffic management and parking, and I fear that without a clear direction of safety from the government, even parents are compromising the of children.

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

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I feel that it is absolutely imperative that this comes from the government. Local initiatives, parents' groups involvement etc do not deter individuals from compromising the safety around schools. This needs to be a Scotland wide and high level decision which can then be supported from multiple angles.

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

As I have said, a Scotland wide and government approach, in my opinion, is the only way that this will be successful. This needs full implementation nationally.

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.

Police enforcement is imperative to ensure the success of this initiative - from experience in our local area this needs to be followed through and not result in 'just warnings' for individuals. In addition, it needs nationwide advertising and we need to talk about this in terms of how we invest in our future.

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**

The only cost may be to increase signage and advertising. This, I feel, should be funded by the Scottish government with support from the local authorities.

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

- emissions around schools

## 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**

Although I understand why you are asking this question, there is absolutely no relevant information that would suggest there is a negative or positive impact on anyone except for our children.

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?

Yes

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

The major costs will be the production and installation of signs and other safety equipment, however these are in place in a lot of cases already. The only ongoing costs will be maintenance.

## 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