

# 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.

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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**

30mph(plus the extra which will be the realistic speed of a lot of vehicles) is too fast in an area in which there is a mix of pedestrians, cycles, cars, lorries etc. Our village is bisected by a busy trunk road ; in the middle of the village are shops, post office, petrol station, bus-stops, parking lay-bys, pedestrian crossings.....and the road is on a hill. There is a constant flow of people crossing the road, and vehicles exiting facilities. On the pavement you are a few feet from 40-ton lorries . At 20mph, as a driver you are significantly more aware that you are driving in a 'people' environment, and that your progress should take that into account, ie that people are the priority.

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

Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I don't know what the legal requirements are for such a law to be enforced. But I don't have any faith that individual councils (certainly not ours) would deliver this change - so I would imagine that a national Bill is the only way.

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

An increase in safety for all, saving lives, discouraging heavy traffic from using non-motorway routes this improving quality of life and air in residential areas.

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

None - people will just have to get used to being more patient even if they are driving through, even eg in the middle of the night.

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.

at least initially, police presence and convictions.

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               |                              |                       |                      |                        |                               |        |
| Police Scotland     |                              |                       |                      |                        |                               |        |

**Please explain the reasons for your response**  
just a guess

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

increase in cycling though what we need are separated cycle facilities

Perhaps an eventual improvement in driver awareness re. other road users?

Hopefully encouraging freight to be moved by rail for long distances as drivers are discouraged from travelling on non-motorway trunk routes.

## 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**

Can't see how any of these issue-groups would be affected other than being included in the overall positive effects!

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:**

It's hard to see what negative impact would ever develop

## 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?

Let's take bold steps to make people the priority in our living environment. Drivers are also 'other people' at other times !