

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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**

I am a cyclist and walker, as well as a non-driver. A lower speed limit would make both of these activities much more enjoyable - and I believe safer.

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 believe a Bill in the Scottish Parliament would make people more accountable for their proposals / actions and it would be more likely to bear fruit.

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

I think more people would be inclined to walk or cycle. But i believe it would result in increased local safety as well as a healthier environment.

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

I cannot think of any substantial or impactful disadvantage/s. I am sure that those being asked to reduce their speed would cite many disadvantages but for me there are 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.

The greatest measure would be in changing a culture where the motorised vehicle reigns - but there does not appear to be the will - politically or otherwise - to get people out of their cars and on to public transport; there is poor investment in buses / trains which really do go where people want to be. Policing would play a large part but with resources being squeezed from all sides i cant see this being a priority. Reinforcing messages about road safety and sticking to existing speed limits as well as being mindful of other road users like cyclists could help.

## 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

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

<b>Local Authorities</b>						X
<b>Motorists</b>						X
<b>Other</b>						X
<b>Police Scotland</b>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I do not have sufficient knowledge to answer more fully in this regard.

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

I am unable to elaborate more fully.

## 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**

I cannot think that there would be any negative impact on any of these groups of people.

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

I do not believe that any or every negative impact can be totally avoided. Nor do i believe that huge efforts should made to do so. If the advantages outweigh the disadvantages then the motion should be carried.

## 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:**

Because i am unable to get beyond the belief that there are no disadvantages to reducing any speed limit.

## 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.