

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

I'm the parent of 2 children who were struck by a vehicle travelling fast in a residential area while they were walking to school with their mother. I think the views of my children and all other children in traffic decisions are woefully under-represented. These decisions have direct impacts on the way they live yet they have no input into this process. If you asked children, they would say that they want a 20 mph limit.

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**

People may say they support a positive approach, and this can be promoted through advertising, but it doesn't work. There will be a hardcore of individuals who will not change their behaviour without legislation - this only encourages others witnessing this behaviour to treat this as 'normal' and behave in the same way. Wholesale changes in behaviour (viz. smoking in public places, drink driving, seat belts) need legislation to work.

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

It will make residential roads more pleasant. It will encourage people to use other forms of transport other than cars as the travelling time differential is reduced.

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

It will need enforced - this may not be a priority and may have manpower issues?

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.

Reinforce positive behaviour somehow?

## 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 cannot see how it would have a cost/benefit to motorists, otherwise, I don't feel qualified to comment on these.

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

It may improve use of other means of transport (walking, cycling etc) by  
- reducing travel time differentials  
- improving the environment for other transport users.

## 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?

Unsure

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

*No Response*

## 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:**

See previous comments

## 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 Response*