

# Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

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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*

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## 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.

Partially opposed

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Unnecessary change. The traffic flow will be affected as 30 mph is sufficient. In built-up areas, the traffic is unable to travel faster than 20 mph. - our local roads have extensive humps that keep the speed down. Turns law abiding citizens into criminals for those who will break this. It will be unenforceable. At night or early morning when traffic is lighter, the slower speed is unnecessary Causes unnecessary frustration on roads that are capable and suitable for the 30 mph speed. At slow speeds, drivers attention can drift in concentration. Accept the 20 mph restrictions around schools, care homes and other traffic accident spots.

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

No

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

Restrictions are already available around schools, hospitals and accident black spots = no advantage to the proposals.

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

Restrict traffic flow

Turns law-abiding people into criminals

It is unenforceable.

Unnecessary at night and early morning when traffic flow lighter

Causes road frustration

Could cause accidents due to driver attention wandering

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.

Enforcement

Larger monetary fines for those who break the limit around school

More speed camera's around school/hospitals/accident black spots

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						
Motorists	X					
Other	X					
Police Scotland						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

It will take business and services longer to make deliveries and travel from 'a' to 'b'. This expenses will apply to all Scottish Govt services, Local authority services, business and private motorist. Private individuals will have to leave earlier for work, going to schools, will have less leisure time, less time for retail business. In both individual costs and business and Government costs will inevitably rise as journeys will take longer and the fuel savings will be marginal.

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

No - the frustration caused by this measure will increase stress.

## 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?

Negative

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Services to the general population will be less efficient and cause unnecessary delay in service provision.

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

I can not see how?

## 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?

No

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

Unnecessary expensive Unnecessary change in our driving behaviour Existing laws can already restrict speeds on back streets or accident black spots or schools etc

## 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*