

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

There is a need to achieve a balance between safe street and allowing people to move around at a speed which enables them to arrive at their destination within a reasonable journey time. Having experienced both current 20mph limits and previous 30mph limits within Edinburgh, I have found that 30mph achieves that balance. Imposing 20mph limits without regard for road conditions (business, time of day, gradient of road etc) simply leads to frustration and brings the legal system into disrepute by introducing such flagrantly inappropriate restrictions.

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Continued campaigns to encourage all road users to travel with due care and consideration.

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

None

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

Increase in law-breaking and pressure on the Justice system as ordinary members of the public ignore the legislation and continue to conduct their daily lives in a reasonable way.

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.

This is not a desirable piece of legislation. No additional measures are wanted.

## 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				
Local Authorities		X				

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

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

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Government: Publicity and cost of penal system Local Authorities: Installation costs Motorists: Increased fuel costs for same journeys, increased time costs from longer travel times Other: Local businesses: Reduced business as people avoid 20mph areas where possible

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

No

## 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)

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?

No

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

I would expect air quality to deteriorate. Journeys which takes 40mins at 30mph will take 60mins at 20mph. An extra 20mins to do the same journey isn't going to be beneficial!

## 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*