

# 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

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*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**

Whilst it may be suitable for the 30mph speed limit to be reduced in housing estates and in areas where schools and playparks are nearby, many of the 30mph areas are situated on main arterial routes and would cause more congestion due to traffic having to travel much slower. These areas tend to have suitable traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings already and I would suggest that people need to take responsibility for their own actions and safety and take care when travelling whether on foot or in a vehicle.

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**

Get everyone to use their common sense. I'm sure that this has been visited previously and is not in place.

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

Safer roads in housing estates and areas of schools and playparks where there is an increased likelihood of young children, however, on main arterial routes that pass through towns and villages that cannot be bypassed this will create congestion.

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

Congestion on main arterial routes that need to pass through towns and villages that cannot be bypassed.

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.

Police enforcement? First there would need to be money put back into Policing to allow the numbers of officers to return to a satisfactory level. This would include increasing pay and conditions to attract people to the job instead of decreasing them and reducing morale. Without this first step there would be very little chance of Police enforcement.

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						X
Police Scotland						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Advertising, campaigns, new signage, increase in Police officer numbers to allow enforcement, it all adds up. But then again, it could also be a moneymaking initiative as drivers get more frustrated behind the wheel and take risks to increase their speed on their journeys. Vehicles generally perform best at optimum speed, lower speeds could result in higher fuel consumption for drivers, especially with engine idling when they are stuck for longer periods of time due to traffic congestion which is likely to occur with a reduction in speed limit.

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

In general. 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)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I don't see how it would affect someone in any of those 'protected groups' anymore than it would affect someone that is not in those groups. We are all members of the same society and have to abide by the same laws.

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

I don't see how as the people in those groups won't be affected any more than those not in the groups.

## 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

## 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*