

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

## Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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.

Fully Supportive

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Because 20 MH is safer for pedestrians, at times of rush hour it is also quicker for all traffic and also better for the environment.

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?

Safer for everyone, better for everyone environmentally and for health of community.

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

People will temporarily moan until they get used to it.

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.

Signage will be needed, a publicity campaign will be needed. The police will need to warn people they catch for the first few months and state in advance when the education period is over.

## 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				
Motorists				X		
Other				X		
Police Scotland						

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

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The central GOVT will need to find the initial costs and pass it on to Councils. After that the community benefits will reduce costs in the longer run, and improve the environment. It will encourage more people to use alternative transport. It should encourage councils to do more to encourage bike schemes with cheaper cost and more access points and some more innovative separation of traffic. The GOVT should add in much better legal cover for cyclists and especially pedestrians.

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

Motorists will actually get around at rush hour more quickly and save fuel costs. Car owners (I am one) will moan about the proposed changes and moan about it being ridiculous and about pedestrians and cyclists. Child death involved in accidents with cars will reduce.

## 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?

Slightly positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Basically no different for most groups. People with disabilities will benefit due to increased availability for public transport and the power speeds.

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

The evidence based for car deaths and deaths of children in accidents over 20 mph and also the better fuel consumption and counter intuitively speeding up the overall movement of everyone.

## 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:**

For all the reasons given earlier

## 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?

Yes, as a Government be brave and do it along with improving the safety and legal redress for pedestrians and cyclists.