

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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.

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I think it is a completely ludicrous proposal. Instead of reducing the speedlimit more resources should be committed to penalise drivers who flout the law by exceeding the speed limits in urban areas. Police should enforce sensible parking in built up areas - no parking near junctions for example. Police should enforce speeding tickets in areas identified by members of the public where drivers regularly flout the law. This is half baked points scoring to appeal to a small minority such as BRAKE when the reality is - 30mph is adequate as the default speed for urban areas if it is better enforced. This will simply serve to cause frustration amongst drivers who already pay over the odds for a crumbling road network. I can see it a mile away - drivers frustrated over the 20 mph speed loosing patience, carrying out reckless manoeuvres, causing accidents and this proposal having the opposite effect. Enforce what's in place and leave the speed limit alone.

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?

None whatsoever.

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

Please see my first response.

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.

Better enforcement of current urban speed limits.

## 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				

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

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

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

No benefits

## 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**

No impact to any group

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

No impact

## 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:**

See my first response ,

## 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.