

# 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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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 simply no need to reduce all 30 zones to 20 zones. Many 20 zones are completely ignored by most motor vehicles, including the police, and buses. On busier roads, reducing the speed limit to 20 actually increases the levels of pollution, which was a major contributing factor to Manchester getting rid of their blanket 20 zones.

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

Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Proposal is flawed and needs to be scrapped

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?

Higher levels of pollution  
The level of general frustration of the motoring public will increase, which will undoubtedly lead to unsafe manoeuvres

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.

None, the proposal is flawed and should be scrapped

## 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>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Scottish government will need to pay staff to change the law Local authorities will need to spend a significant amount on signage, when their roads budgets are inadequate to maintain decent roads. As the proposing MSP represents part of Fife, he should know that.

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

None whatsoever

## 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**

Protected groups won't be affected by the change

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

Not applicable

## 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 previous comments about higher pollution levels

## 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?

Scrap the bill  
The motoring public do NOT support this