

# 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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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**

I do not believe there are a significant enough number of serious injuries or fatalities caused by accidents be vehicles obeying the current 30mph limit. I do not believe this would reduce emissions as typical vehicles will have to travel in lower gears or with labouring engines at 20mph. Therefore I'd conclude this is just another attempt by the SNP to meddle with perfectly adequate UK legislation to make it appear they are doing something useful and to make Scotland unnecessarily different from the rest of the UK.

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

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This proposal does not need to be delivered. It is an ill conceived and unnecessary piece of legislation. The Scottish assembly would do better to concentrate on something more useful.

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?

Increased congestion. Increased emissions. Increased frustration amongst drivers likely to reduce concentration and increase accident rate.

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.

Compliance should not be necessary. This proposal is absurd and not necessary.

## 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**

Scottish government will bear costs due to wasting time on this legislation. Local government will be costs to re-sign & implement this change. Motorists will bear heavier fuel costs and no doubt more chance of fines. Business will suffer from reduced efficiencies and increased fuel costs.

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?

Negative

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This bill will be negative to everyone.

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

Don't bother with this bill.

## 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:**

As per previous response. This will have costs for everyone with little or no tangible benefit.

## 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?

Find something useful to do with tax payers money instead of this unnecessary tinkering.