

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

A blanket approach to road safety is wholly wrong.

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**

Better to have drivers awareness of hazards in built up areas raised through public service campaigns.

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

There are no advantages, I can only see negatives

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

With 20mph limit vehicles will be in a lower gear, so causing higher rpm of the engine leading to worse NOT lower emissions.

It will lead to complacency of traffic by pedestrians, cyclists and most dangerous of all, children.

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.

I do not wish to have 20mph speed limits on a national basis. Drivers will spend too much time watching their speed instead of the road.

## 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>						
<b>Police Scotland</b>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This is pure folly on the part of the Scottish Government with costs of signage, enforcement etc. Motorists will be using more fuel due to higher engine revs as vehicles won't sit in top gear at 20mph but will at 30 mph

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

There are 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**

Really? How can road speed effect any of the above groups. This is bordering on insanity.

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

I simply cannot condemn this proposal (and this questionnaire! ) strongly enough.

## 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:**

You have worded this whole thing in a quite biased fashion and on past performance, with respect to transport in Scotland, I do not trust that this Bill can be delivered and to fulfil it's aims.

## 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?

Abandon your proposal and enforce what is already in place.