

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Reducing the speed limit will not reduce accidents in my opinion and accidents will be just as likely to happen if not more so as drivers minds more likely to switch off. Pollution will also be increased as the vehicles due to them operating less efficiently.

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**

Greater road policing is the answer with more traffic officers being available to police the current laws and educate drivers.

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 pollution.  
 Increased congestion.  
 Delays in the transportation of goods and persons.  
 Negligible reduction in RTA's

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.

20mph is not the answer better road policing is the way forward with more qualified traffic officers which will not only make the road safer but also detect more crime

## 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				

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

<b>Local Authorities</b>		X				
<b>Motorists</b>	X					
<b>Other</b>		X				
<b>Police Scotland</b>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

New signage costs, Increased fuel costs for private and commercial operators. Increased cost to the NHS due to greater air pollution

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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

What is someones sex, sexual orientation or ethnicity got to do with speed limits? This question is offensive to me

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

Please see previous comment, what has this got to do with speed limits?????

## 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:**

Please see previous comments due to wasted time and increase fuel costs and health costs

## 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?

What is the point?????

Please concentrate on governing the country responsibly rather than cow toying to pressure groups