

# Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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*No Response*

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## 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**

Imposing more rules will make no difference other than more rules will get broken. This is a pointless exercise. The way to improve safety is through education, not enforcement. Reasonable and thoughtful drivers already reduce their speed to when it is suitable and don't when it is not necessary, so this will simply criminalise those good people who understand how to judge a safe speed. And to those who aren't reasonable and thoughtful, the new limits will continue to be ignored just like the old limits. Bottom line is, there are no benefits to this proposal.

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

Unsure

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?

Drivers can be categorised into two groups - people who are competent, considerate, safe drivers, and people who are not.

The first group already drive safely and economically, they know what speed to drive at on any given road and will adjust their driving to conditions. Blanket reductions in speed limits serve only to slow down drivers like this unnecessarily (bearing in mind, where it is safe to do no more than 20mph, they will do 20mph even if the limit is currently more, so this will only affect areas where it is safe to do more but is covered by the blanket). This means more cars on the road for more time, increasing congestion and frustration, which is a very important cause of accidents that we must consider.

The second group of people simply don't care. They ignore 30mph limits and other laws and will continue to ignore 20mph limits in the same way.

This proposal only serves to criminalise people who are not actually doing anything unsafe and serves only to increase frustration amongst motorists.

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.

Education on why modern cars need to be restricted to a ridiculously low speed in areas where it is entirely unnecessary.

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				
Other						X
Police Scotland						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The main causes of accidents in built up areas are distraction and frustration, not speed. Lower speeds will result in more distraction and frustration, thus more accidents, driving up the cost of insurance. Also, while driving at lower speeds consistently, diesel cars DPF (Diesel particulate filters) cannot regenerate properly, causing massively increased fuel consumption.

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

I cannot think of any benefits 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?

Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I don't understand the relevance of this question

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

You could stop assuming "protected groups" need to be given priority on every decision. I am extremely offended by the feeling that my opinion is less valuable simply because I am not in a protected group. This is unfair and discriminatory

## 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:**

Massive spending on changing signage all for no benefit, then the same massive spending all over again when someone with an ounce of common sense gets into power. Spend the money on something we actually need, like supporting children who live in poverty

## 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?

It is a complete waste of time and money. Spend the time and money on something that will benefit the people you are meant to be serving