

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

## Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

on behalf of an organisation

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".)

*No Response*

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Other (e.g. clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Achaleven Primary Parent Council

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 Supportive

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Achaleven Primary is situated on main road A85 going through Connel. With the school only having a small role of 13 we are not eligible to have a lollipop person to help our children cross the road safely. Even though Connel village has a 30mph speed limit and we have a 20mph sign flashing for 10 minutes before school starts and again at the end of the school day this does make the slightest difference in the speed traffic goes pass the school entrance. Not that I have evidence but by the speed some vehicles pass you they look like they are doing over 30mph. When vehicles do slow down to 20mph pass the entrance, you get some irresponsible drivers over taking them. This has caused accidents right outside the school entrance of several occasions. This has caused injury to some passengers but fortunately not to any pedestrians as yet. Whilst trying to cross the road with my 4 children in the morning and again at the end of the school day, I am constantly waving my arms to slow drivers down and have often had rude signs signalled to me in return. This can be rather distressing trying to run across the road with 4 children. I am not alone as the rest of the parents have the same difficulty. The children often leave the school premises to walk along to the village school to partake in their p.e. class. Again when they are walking through the main street of the village where the hall is situated along another hall, church, and local post office/shop, vehicles can go speeding through this built up area, buses and lorries included. There is no need to be doing faster than 20mph through a built up village where this also cars parked. Not only does the speed of the traffic effect the children walking through the main street of the village but also other users of the two halls situated in the main street of the village, the Toddler Group, Rainbows, Brownies, Dancing etc. Elderly people walking to the local post office/shop or church. It is also very difficult to cross the road to the entrance of the Doctors Surgery. May I also add I personally feel they never put the flashing sign about slowing down in the right location in Connel. Vehicles may slow down when the see the sign just before the entry of the Doctors Sugery but by the time they reach the turn off to go into the village at the Falls of Lora Hotel they have picked up some considerable speed again. 20mph is more than plenty though the village of Connel and definitely through main street of Connel Village. My motto is more haste less speed. Thank you for reading my concerns.

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

No

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

Just as I mentioned previously, the main and most important advantages of restricting the A85 road through Connel and especially the main street in the village to 20mph is for the safety of the community. Yet again "20" is plenty and "more haste less speed"!!

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

No disadvantages at all!

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.

Adertising signage should be adequate enough for any road user to abide by.

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**

Obviously it would cost initially to erect signage etc but in the long run you cannot put a price on someone's safety. It wouldn't the motorists nothing apart from being more aware other road users and pedestrians.

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

Yes, the safety of our local community.

## 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?

Positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Everyone should be made to feel safe where if you a driving or walking no matter who you are.

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

not that I can think of.

## 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?

Unsure

## 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?

Make our village of Connel a safer place to live in, "20" is plenty!!