

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Sarah McDonald on behalf of Edzell Primary School parents

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

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.

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Speeding and road safety issues are an ongoing cause for concern outside the grounds of Edzell Primary School. Due to limited parking children and parents have to cross the road right next to the school to an overspill carpark and parents are regularly signalling to drivers to slow down. Drivers do not seem to be aware/ chose to ignore that there is a school and that the playground/ school gate exit is right next to a busy road. The School are currently in talks with local Police, Community Councils and the Local Authority area to see what can be done to make the area safer for the school children, siblings and guardians at drop off and pick up times. A reduction in the speed limit would be greatly welcomed by Edzell Primary School itself and the children's guardians.

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

Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Open to suggestions but feel the facts speak for themselves that a reduction to a 20mph limit could ultimately save a life should the worst happen that an individual was involved in an accident.

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

To keep our families and community safer.

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

*No Response*

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.

Local Authorities need to put more resources into better signage and safety measures (ie zebra crossings, school lolly pop persons etc) to make this proposal work. It should not solely be down to that of the local community policing team to enforce this, where resources are so limited. More needs to be done by Local Authorities to put in traffic calming measures to slow traffic down in line with supporting this Bill.

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**

Ultimately like anything there will be financial costs to rolling out such a Bill to companies involved but these should be marginal in comparison to the loss of a life to a road traffic accident - a life that is irreplaceable and the implications that has on families.

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

*No Response*

## 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**

This Bill should have a positive impact on all those in local communities, keeping both road users and pedestrians safer.

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

*No Response*

## 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?

Yes

## 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?

*No Response*