

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

## Page 2: About you

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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*

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Avoch and Killen Community 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

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**

The centre on Avoch village already has a 20mph speed restriction, but for some reason the primary school was not included in this zone. The Community Council has been requesting that The Highland Council extend the 20mph zone to include the school and the main route to the school, down School Brae. We have not received a positive response to date, but this is still a priority for the residents of the village.

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

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The Community Council has approached The Highland Council on numerous occasions and have been advised that they can only implement a reduced speed limit if the traffic is already not exceeding the proposed limit.

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

A 20mph restriction through the whole village AND every village will provide a safe environment for all, the elderly, children and cyclists. If all villages had the same restriction drivers would be more likely to respect the limit if it were the norm and not feel the need to speed through our villages.

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

Some drivers will feel they are 'delayed' reaching their destination ... but this will only be by a few seconds per village driven through and with the correct media publicity this myth of severe disruption to their commute time could be dispelled.

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.

Signage is important, but more effective is paint marking on road advising drivers on the restricted zone.

Promotion on the benefits of the restricted speed zones in papers, radio and over all social media should be very strong and encourage people to WANT to do this as opposed to being FORCED to comply.

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						
Police Scotland						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Scottish Government would have to pay for media advertising of the speed restriction, but the power of social media should not be overlooked and is free. Local Authorities will have to erect signage and paint restrictions on the road Motorist will drive at a slow speed and not have to stop/start through villages thus reducing fuel

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

All explained in the above responses.

## 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**

Disabled, elderly, children, mothers with pushchairs/toddlers will be safer crossing the road as speed will be reduced. The elderly and very young are not able to judge speed as efficiently as an adult.

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

n/a

## 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

**Please explain the reasons for your response:**

Less road accidents. Fewer casualties putting a strain on the NHS thus the expenditure for the signage, etc will be balanced and actually in credit. Possibly less wildlife injured/killed crossing the road in rural villages as they will have more time to cross and drivers will have more time to react at a slower speed.

## 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*