

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

## Page 2: About you

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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

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*No Response*

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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 Supportive

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The unobstructed proliferation of cars over the last few years has led to communities suffering in many different ways. A country-wide scheme is the only way to get the conversation about cars and their effects onto a conversational level. There has to be a 'shock' for some balance to begin to take place. Otherwise, what is the alternative? Cars just driving around lawlessly, like they do now with 30mph? The benefits to public health and reduction of fatal injuries mean that this is a no-brainer.

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**

See previous comment - it needs to be a BIG action in order to invoke the larger debate that we need. Small and piecemeal means it will be ignored and/or swept under the carpet.

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

Public health and reduction of KSIs. Eventually, greater uptake of alternative modes of transport. The reclamation of our streets from the all-invasive car!

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

I know the arguments, but I think little have been proved.

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.

It is the same as 30mph, enforcement. It needs a campaign similar to seatbelts, where it is socially unacceptable to drive at fast speeds in towns.

## 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**

Slight infrastructure costs in LA's offset by long term public health benefits.

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

Community can dare to venture out into the street again! This study in Bristol describes it well visually  
<https://goo.gl/images/RJXPyl>

## 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**

It is an odd question, how can one know the impact on all of those groups!

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

I don't know.

## 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:**

The benefits will outweigh the cost over time.

## 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 thank you.