

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

## Page 2: About you

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

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

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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

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**

I think this would be a very positive step in terms of road safety for all other road users. I drive, cycle and walk, on my own and with 3 young children and feel that 30mph in any built up area is too fast and potentially dangerous. This would also have a very positive environmental impact which is incredibly important for the wellbeing of our planet and anything that can be done to help, should be done.

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**

I think that to have this mandated from the top down would make it far easier and simpler to implement, with less scope for differences in interpretation and implementation. This should be standard across the whole country.

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

As previously indicated, I think this would have huge benefits in terms of road safety and also be a great step in the right direction in terms of reducing pollution and the greater consequences that occur as a result of this in terms of climate change etc

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

None, but I think it will take a lot of monitoring as there are many, many roads in residential areas where cars already do not stick to the 30mph speed limit, driving much faster than they should and making it unsafe for people who live there to safely use the outside space (especially children). I would like increased monitoring of speed and greater penalties for those who do speed.

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.

Yes, I think there will need to be a large national awareness campaign and lots of signage. In certain areas of the city centre in Glasgow there are already 20mph speed limits in place and I was not aware of this until many months after it was implemented. I would like to see much greater police enforcement of this speed limit were it to come into place, as mentioned in the response to the previous question.

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						

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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

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*