

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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**

It is an absolute waste of money, time and effort to impose this in large areas of cities. Areas where schools are located already have 20 mph zones marked out and this is sufficient. Driving at 20mph across large swathes of cities does in fact increase emissions due to more people driving in 2nd/3rd gear as opposed to 3rd/4th. This also decreases traffic flow. Additionally, it simply encourages people to cross roads at any point, rather than at safe crossings and therefore actually endangers a greater number of pedestrians. The adoption of this by Edinburgh council has been ludicrous and a complete waste of taxpayers' money (again)! I couldn't be more against this proposal.

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**

They shouldn't be delivered at all.

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

There are none.

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

Please see my original statement.

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.

More money, which in case you didn't realise, is not readily available these days. Spend this money on any number of better things.

## 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>						

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

No.

## 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)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

What on earth could have a different impact on race, ethnicity etc. It's a speed limit for goodness sake. Get a grip with the PC nonsense.

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?

No

## 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?

Avoid at all costs.