

# 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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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**

We need to ensure that the roads in built up areas of Scotland are safe for pedestrians. Research clearly shows that reducing traffic to 20mph is essential

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

No

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

Safer roads for pedestrians

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

Enforcing the speed limit

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.

Repeater 20mph signs are not sufficient to reduce traffic speeds. Average speed cameras, and physical traffic calming measures should be implemented to ensure compliance

## 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		
Local Authorities		X				
Motorists		X				
Other						
Police Scotland						

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

**Please explain the reasons for your response**  
Less casualties should reduce the cost to the NHS

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

Less cars in our urban areas?

## 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

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

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

The government should consider more use of road closure in urban areas, diverting traffic away from areas where there are likely to be more pedestrians. For example cars taking short cuts through the city, this has a much greater impact on making the roads more dangerous. By restricting access across the city/town more effective use of physical traffic calming methods can then be employed on the single route where cars are required to travel. This would make it more economical and cost effective.

## 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?

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