

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Many drivers already and habitually exceed the 30mph limits and lowering these to 20mph will be a huge step to improve the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. The new limits should be thoroughly advertised and aggressively enforced or they will be meaningless. As a parent of young children it's an everyday occurrence to see selfish and reckless driving endangering the lives of children and since drivers collectively have long proved unable to drive safely and sensibly head lower speed limits will go a long way towards reducing the harm done by reckless drivers.

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**

As I said before, drivers generally don't drive at sensible speeds, flaunt limits and of course think they are special and the rules of the road don't apply to them. This attitude will persist but lower limits will reduce the harm done as actual speeds will be lower.

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

Safety for all road users and pedestrians, especially the vulnerable like children.

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

Enforcement and awareness will need to be thoroughly done and sufficiently resources. Pushback from selfish drivers will all need addressed. But if safety first means anything these should be overcome and a clear explanation of the reduction in risk and harm at a lower speed explained.

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.

An unambiguous new road sign, widespread publication of the new limits and strict and thorough enforcement.

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			X			
Police Scotland						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The costs will be more than worth it for the increased safety. And fewer accidents with less serious consequences will save NHS funds and insurance costs

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

Reduced noise,

## 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**

For those who struggle to cross the road it will be safer to do so.

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

I do not see any negative impact

## 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:**

It will be positive

## 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*