

# 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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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.

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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**

There is compelling international evidence for the benefits of 20mph speed limits.

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

Unsure

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

Increased safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Less priority given to vehicles over cyclists and pedestrians.

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

None.

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.

Must be enforced or at risk of being ignored. General publicity about the reasons for implementing 20mph zones to make people aware why they are being introduced. Parking restrictions also need to be enforced to help improve safety. Some signage clearly useful but within reason - try to avoid unnecessary signage which impacts negatively on the environment.

## 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					X	
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**

Good evidence for reduction in accidents within 20mph zones which will be cost saving over time.

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

Yes, health and well-being benefits through environmental improvement. It is preferable to live, work and play in an environment where vehicles are slower moving and drivers are more aware of pedestrians and cyclists.

## 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**

Thinking of socioeconomic disadvantages, some protected groups are most likely to live in areas where road traffic accidents are an issue. Reducing speed limits is likely to impact more on people in protected groups than on others, helping to reduce inequality.

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?

The evidence in favour of this bill is compelling.