

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

It will save lives. It will save the NHS money in dealing with death and serious injuries. It will also save the NHS money as children and adults will feel safer to cycle and walk on or around roads. People will be encouraged to be more active and healthier. More people more active will also result in less pollution and the serious negative health impacts of this

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?

As previously indicated.

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.

Average speed cameras. Regular and consistent police enforcement. Don't waste money on advertising. Well documented people will speed if they know they won't get caught.

## 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**

Huge decreases in cost to NHS due to improvements in people's activity levels. Less pollution etc. Less cost due to less death and serious injury. Less maintenance on roads as more people will walk and cycle. Motorists will save as they could see walking and cycling as viable alternative. Less fuel and/or vehicles 'needed' Those with disabilities will be able to get around more and more safely

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?

Positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Those with mobility, sight and hearing impairments will be able to negotiate roads easier with lower speeds of vehicles

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

No negative impacts

## 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:**

Any perceived impact on travel time will be more than offset with savings to NHS, road maintenance, more tourists, locals, minority groups previously excluded able to access services, shops etc

## 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*