

# Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

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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

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*No Response*

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## 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**

I see the benefits of introducing this bill from 2 (possibly 3) angles that would benefit the Scottish public: 1) Makes towns and cities safer and nicer places to live: reducing noise, making roads safer to cross, reducing accidents (vehicle-vehicle, vehicle-bike, vehicle-pedestrian). With speed limits at 30, a lot of people push this and drive at 35 or even 40 miles an hour in built up areas. by introducing 20 mph, you would be reducing speeding down to 25 - 30mph, with most law abiding citizens driving at 20. Noise affects peoples quality of sleep, which affects their fitness and ability to withstand injury and illness. Reducing back-ground noise should help to improve the environment for sleeping. 2) Encourages more people to cycle - in part helping to tackle the rising levels of reduced fitness and obesity. Also helping to tackle greenhouse gas emissions. 3) If people cannot rush everywhere, then it may help to reduce stress Please introduce this bill and make our urban spaces safer and healthier to live in.

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**

This needs introduction at the national level. It also needs enforcing. I live in Aberdeen. The speeding in the city is ridiculous. I live on a 30mph street and people frequently speed down it. Making it hard to get in and out of your car, cross the road, and makes the street noisy. I drive and cycle about the city dependent on the activity I am doing. I have frequently felt unsafe on roundabouts and roads with people making silly decisions to overtake or speed onto roundabouts in 30mph areas. If the speed limit was 20mph it would help reduce the frustrations between cars and cyclists .

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

I think I have stated that on my previous responses to questions:

- 1) safer
- 2) quieter
- 3) healthier

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

frustrations to drivers - but people need to slow down and plan their time better. just because they are frustrated doesn't make it right.

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.

Speed cameras on key areas. More enforcement initially (can city wardens also help?). Clearer (and not too much) signage.

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**

Scot gov: increase in cost to implement local authorities: increase in cost to implement but savings in longer term - see other, potential to be cost neutral if traffic cameras used and fines enforced. Make the fine for speeding in a 20 mph zone more! Motorists: decrease in fuel costs Other: Reduction in RTAs - decrease in cost to hospital/medical services

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

Possibly but can't think of them right now.

## 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**

this is not a minority question. This is a population question.

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

I don't know.

## 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

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

As already stated, costs of implementing offset by fines from police and Cameras and reduction in costs to medical services

## 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?

Nope.