

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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.

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I believe that a blanket 20mph limit on the types of road proposed (which by the definition in the consultation document could be interpreted as most or all roads in the City) would be an irresponsible and lazy solution to the city's transportation challenges. The document does not address driver frustration (it is well documented that frustration causes accidents and increased rates of road rage), congestion, the Manchester case, and the historic accident rates for Edinburgh city at the current speed limit in making a case for change. Why not invest in more cycle lanes? Even make some residential streets cycle-only?

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I believe that the dangers of the current speed limits are overstated and this bill is not being put forward in good faith.

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

None.

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

Increased congestion, increased road rage and risk-taking brought on by frustration, more pollution by cars having to constantly change between 2nd and 3rd gear.

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.

None.

## 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				

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

<b>Local Authorities</b>	X					
<b>Motorists</b>		X				
<b>Other</b>						X
<b>Police Scotland</b>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Any change in the law is going to incur costs. Take Edinburgh city council's attempt at changing law- cost was around £3.2m.

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

No.

## 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?

Unsure

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?

No

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

Those that drive for a living will see a significant impact on how many jobs they can do in a day (e.g. taxi drivers, traders, parcel delivery). I believe a negative environmental impact will result from revving engines and increased congestion.

## 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.