We're shutting a section of the M62 westbound to carry out essential repairs to Ardsley railway bridge between Lofthouse (junction 29) and Tingley (junction 28) near Leeds.

Full weekend closure of the westbound carriageway

The bridge was built around 50 years ago and carries on average 66,000 vehicles a day over the East Coast Mainline Railway.

This work needs to be carried out to prevent deterioration to the concrete base of the bridge which if left could lead to unplanned major repairs in the future. The eastbound carriageway was repaired back in the 1990’s and shows no signs of deterioration.

This will take place from 8pm on Friday 14 June until 5am Monday 17 June 2019.
What are we doing?
We’re replacing the layer which protects the concrete base (see diagram) from the elements which could cause damage to the bridge structure or potholes in the road surface. To do this work we need to dig down 12cm which is why we need to close the carriageway over the weekend to allow the work to be carried out safely. Over the years we’ve dealt with numerous potholes on this road but our inspections now show that this essential repair needs to be carried out.

Why do you need to close the motorway for the full weekend?
We understand that closing the M62 for a full weekend will cause some disruption. We looked at all possible ways to carry out this work and the full weekend closure was the least disruptive option.

Our analysis shows that traffic flows are lower during the summer and this type of work needs to be done when the weather is dry. We’ve also tried to work around major events in the city centre so that disruption is kept to a minimum.

How will this impact me?
We’ve researched what the likely disruption will be for drivers. We advise people to add an extra 30 minutes to their journeys during this closure.

Clearly signed diversions will be in place and can be seen in the maps to the right.

We’re aware of the current work on the M621 between Belle Isle and Stourton (junctions six and seven). The speed limit and narrow lanes will remain on this section for the safety of drivers while we replace the barrier. This cannot be removed due to the fact that the barrier is missing in certain areas. Free recovery will remain so any obstructions are removed quickly.