



## **Blimp Feasibility Checklist** **(To be completed by person responsible for launch site)**

*We recommend that, where possible, the site provides Imagine with digital photos of the proposed flying zone so that we can advise on potential problem areas. However if this is not feasible please refer to the following pointers to help you determine if your site is suitable for a blimp.*

1. Will there be someone on site to be responsible for blimp after the initial Install and Instruct by our operator? (Ideally 2 people are needed to bring down a blimp but min 1 person who has been trained). A min. of 1 person (and ideally 2 people, so there is a “back-up”) from site should attend our operator’s Install & Instruct session.
2. Are you close to an airport, motorway or any kind of restricted airspace as far as you know? If so, how far away are you approx? Min. safe distance from motorway is 200ft.
3. Do you have somewhere away from public access where you can store gas cylinders? Ideally a cage, storage room or warehouse, on ground level (no stairs).
4. Is your site close to electricity pylons/ overhead lines? Min. safe distance 200ft either side of lines/pylons.
5. Is your site close to/on a main road, dual carriageway or railway tracks? Min. safe distance is 200 ft.
6. Are there any obstacles on your site which could cause damage to the blimp if hit i.e flag-posts, storage containers, outbuildings, low-lying roofs?
7. Is there a suitable storage area for the blimp when not flying? This would need to be min. 22ft long x 10 ft wide to allow walking space around blimp when inflated, with no sharp objects nearby which could pierce hull. The storage area needs to be internal so that the blimp is protected overnight from bad weather. Also away from public access.
8. Where do you propose attaching the blimp’s tether line? The fixing point should be a static object fixed to the ground or into a hard surface. Suggestions are: bollards, hand railings, fences, signs or billboards. If there is no such fixed point, in the past we have used the towing eye on cars/vans, empty gas cylinders laid flat on the ground, and sandbags. Your operator can advise.
9. Will the tether line be in an area of public access? If so may we suggest that we supply a steel tracer rope which is a line of cable protecting the first 10ft from ground level; this minimises the possibility of vandalism to the tether rope. *Please ask Imagine for more details.*

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10. **(For sites on retail parks, universities, parks etc):** Have you sought permission from the owners to fly the blimp? You need to do this.
11. Is there CCTV on site, and if so, where? This could be an ideal location from which to fly the blimp.
12. **(For blimps flying from flat roofs or anywhere above ground level):** Is there easy access each night to bring the blimp down for storage? Can the gas cylinders be transported there without stairs? – see point 3.

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