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PUZZLE OF MOVING 'CIGAR' IN SKY

CHEMICAL plant manager Allan Laing was not surprised when his neighbour called him outside to look at a strange object in the sky.

For it only confirmed his belief in unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Laing was shown the UFO on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Hilary Taylor, who lives next door in Aldenham Road, Hunters Hill, Guisborough.

"It appeared to be over Middlesbrough and was like a long, slim, orange neon light," he said.

"At first it was stationary, but then it started moving to the north and passed out of sight. It appeared to be like the descriptions I have read before of cigar-like objects and moved very slowly.

Not surprised

"I did not have any particular reaction. It is the first time I had seen one, but I have always believed in that sort of thing so I wasn't surprised.

"The sky was blue and clear so it wasn't clouds or anything like that."

Mrs. Taylor, though, was not quite so convinced about the possible extra-terrestrial visitor.

"I was just on my way back from shopping when I saw this bright cigar shape in the sky. I thought it was a section of cloud being lit up," she said.

"I'm very much a disbeliever and if it had not moved I wouldn't have thought any more of it, but now I would like to find out what it was."