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UFO alert 2374 as disco launched

A new space-age disco and cafe bar in Dudley has been inundated with telephone calls from people who believe they have seen UFOs.

People living as far as eight miles away from the £1 million Goldsmith's Complex in Martin Hill Street have been reporting seeing green lights in the sky.

But they have been assured that all they have encountered is a green laser beam from the futuristic club's powerful lighting system.

General manager of the Goldsmith's Complex Mr Martyn Playbould said: "We were given permission by the Civil Aviation Authority to test the powerful laser in the sky.

"We have been inundated with calls from people who claim they have seen UFOs and other strange lights in the sky.

"One woman telephoned us thinking it

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was the after-effects of the Chernobyl disaster.

"All they have been seeing is a strong green light from a lighting unit which we have been shining into the air.

"It is so powerful it can be spotted eight miles away."

The club opening was delayed for a week, until tomorrow, after a delay in delivery of specially toughened glass which is to be positioned above the dance floor.

The club is owned by Birmingham-based Fantasy Clubs Ltd.