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Callers flood the UFO hot-line

Birmingham's UFO Studies Investigations today reported its telephone had been "red hot" with witnesses anxious to report sightings of the mystery object seen in the sky over the Midlands.

"Since the story of the sightings appeared in the *Evening Mail* the telephone has never stopped ringing," said chairman Mr John Hurley today.

"Until people saw the story many were obviously reluctant to report what they had seen in case they were laughed at."

Mr Hurley said there had been more than 50 sightings of the mystery object spotted on Monday night.

Witnesses said the UFO was orange with a green light on the top and about the size of a caravan. Most people said it travelled at great speed and then stopped dead.