

STAFFORDS NEWSLETTER ?

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Strange lights riddle still hovers over town

UFOs 'TOO LOW, SLOW, QUIET AND BRIGHT'

TO BE VC-10S, CLAIM EYE-WITNESSES

MYSTERY still shrouds last week's UFO sighting over Stafford.

Two strange, triangular objects with a lot of lights were reported by Eileen Ballard near her Fernwood home on Monday night.

But this week, response from other readers who also saw them and Mrs Ballard's sketches in the Newsletter still disagree on what they were.

John Teasdale, of Knowle Road Stafford said he thought the

mystery aircraft were no more than VC-10s flying from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire.

And a phone call to Brize Norton revealed that two VC-10s did take off from the station at 8.35pm that night, and a spokeswoman said it was possible that they might have flown over Staffordshire.

But another reader who saw the mystery objects, Enid Turner, of George Elliot Close in Uttoxeter, said: "I don't believe they

were VC-10s, no way.

"I would know a VC-10 if I saw it. I often used to go to air displays, they definitely weren't that," Mrs Turner said the objects appeared over her garden hedge, very low, silent and slow moving with a lot of very bright lights.

"They were too low, slow and quiet and the lights were too bright for VC-10s. It might have been a glider, but I would have heard the wind and I heard nothing. VC-10s

are pretty big and heavy," she added.

Several other people in the town had also seen it, but had been afraid to come forward, said Mrs Turner.

She said she thought they may have been the top secret F-19 Stealth aircraft mentioned last week by the British UFO Research Association.

Other readers in Penkridge reported strange clusters of orange and red lights at the same time on Monday night which



● Could this be the answer to the mystery of those strange lights - the VC-10.

moved quickly from one place to another, going out and reappearing seconds later.

Sightings of strange lights have also been reported by people as far

away as Wolverhampton at roughly the same time on Monday night but no answer to the mystery has yet been found.