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Alien sightings shot down

AN ALIEN invasion of the region was discounted today after numerous UFO sightings were reported to police.

Police control rooms from Northumbria to West Yorkshire were flooded with calls about a "great ball of fire" zipping around at about

midnight.

But they suspect people spotted a large meteor crashing to earth.

A spokesman for North Yorkshire Police said checks showed there were no reports of missing planes from RAF bases or from airports.