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UFO spotted hovering near airport

MORE SIGHTINGS of strange lights in the sky have been reported near Southend Airport.

A teenager and her mother from Eastwood watched a bright light hover for at least five minutes over open land to the west of the town's airport on Tuesday of last week.

The UFO was seen at around 6.30pm, hovering at just above rooftop height.

Eighteen-year-old Mary Lowe saw the light — "bigger than a star and without aircraft lights" — hover in the one position, then suddenly rise vertically to ten times its original height before moving off slowly in the direction of Rayleigh.

Southend police say there was no activity in the area on the night and the police helicopter was definitely not in use that evening.

When Mary's mother called Southend Airport

'Bigger than a star and with no aircraft lights'

to report the sighting, she was told nothing had shown on their radar screens at the time, nor were there any unusual aircraft operating.

Mrs Lowe's sighting is the third in the area this year. According to the Anglian UFO Research Group, previous sightings were reported on January 3 and 12.

The first involved three people who watched a bright light travel at phenomenal speed backwards and forwards between Southend and Basildon over a two-hour period. Through binoculars the three observed a blue light pulsating through a white glow.

Then on the evening of January 12, six people reported seeing two lights over Canvey. First one

light revolved around the other, then it stopped and they appeared to switch roles.

Eventually the two lights separated, one flying towards Southend, the other in the direction of Basildon — where it disappeared, only to reappear suddenly over the sea not far from its original position, in close company with the first light once again.

Last year there was a whole spate of UFO sightings in southern Essex, some of the more spectacular phenomena being spotted by several dozen observers.

The Anglian UFO Research Group has asked anyone who thinks they have seen a UFO to call its emergency hotline on Basildon 286079.