

From: **Section 40**
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please forgive me if I have your information wrong.

I have been given advice from a colleague of mine to contact your self.

This was not reported to Police per say but I thought I ought to let you know as I saw it.

I have been a serving Police Officer for a number of years now and my Partner Karl Norman who was with me at the time is an ex serviceman in the RAF.

I was at my friends address in Brightlingsea, Essex on New Years Eve seeing in the New Year, just before midnight my self and my partner were in the back garden having a cigarette; I could hear fireworks in the distance so looked up to see if I could see them. In the sky was a bright orange/yellow light at first glance I ignored it thinking it was a trailing firework but then double took as it did not disappear. My immediate thought

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We are near water and perhaps that could explain the light but it still did not disappear, it moved very slowly in like a half circle around the top of us then stopped over the water between Brightlingsea and East Mersea. It was quite large and the night was extremely clear with no clouds or mist. I would hazard a guess about 1500 to 2000 feet up. It stayed perfectly still for about 3-4 minutes then appeared to shoot straight up in the air very fast, going completely out of view in less then 30 seconds, I must be honest I stood there a bit in awe and missed the start of the new year because of it. In fact I even called my friends daughter to see it! It may be completely trivial to you and you may even press the delete button, but after a few days of wondering weather I was seeing things I saw the news about the Lincoln sightings and damage to the wind turbine I could have fallen off my seat it was very similar to what I saw New years eve. With Karl being ex RAF I asked him quite innocently what it was and he was as disturbed as I was with no answer! I would not have bothered you with it in all honesty but having it play on my mind a few days I thought you were the best people to make the decision about weather it was worth your time or not.

If you have any questions or queries I will be happy to assist in any way possible.

My work contact details are attached to the bottom of this email, my personal Telephone numbers are as follows:

Tel: **Section 40**

Many thanks for your time,

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