



for the plot, priced at €310,000 (£213,987) for just under an acre, which entitled me to a golf membership for the on-site 18-hole course and access to all facilities including the spa, gymnasium, equestrian centre and tennis courts. Only one stumbling block nearly lost the deal, Paul is a West Ham fan and I support Everton, however in the end I chose to overlook this as he's got a great sense of humour and he's not a bad salesman either!"

Dave concludes, "My current intention is to build the villa for myself and split my time between Dubai in the Winter, Spain in the Spring and Autumn and back to Liverpool for the Summer. Who knows, maybe in 10 years' time I'll sell the villa and move on, but as it

stands right now, I can see myself spending a lot of time here.

"So far everything has run pretty smoothly, which is reassuring as I spend a lot of time back home in Liverpool and in Dubai and I am not always in Spain to oversee things. I haven't encountered any problems or doubts with the process so far; however, of course the acid test will be when building work actually commences.

"The biggest tip I could give to others considering self-build is to take professional advice. Carrington Estates, for example, has access to fully qualified, bilingual, in-house project managers and architects, which I feel is essential if you are embarking on such a significant journey in a foreign country."

"I have investment homes in Dubai, Florida, Thailand and, maybe soon, Canada"

Plots at Monte Mayor Golf & Country Club start from approximately €300,000 (£207,074).
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