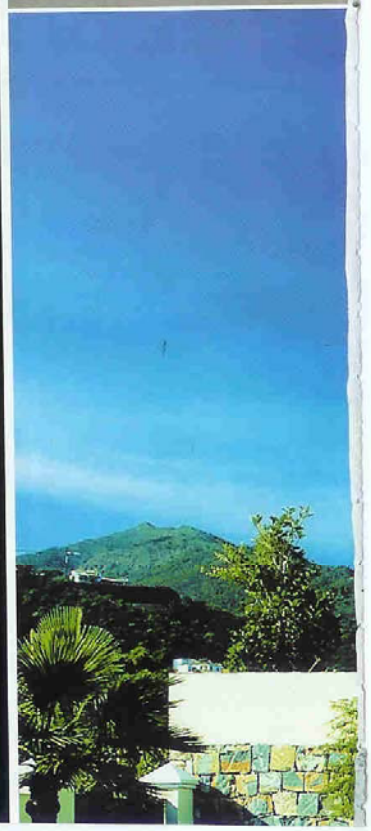
Top, Middle and Bottom: Sotogrande

disappointment and fears for building a villa many miles away from our sight he managed to give us some facts and figures about building and land costs, which enabled us to put the concept into perspective."

Jackie continues, "Coincidentally, when we returned to England the following week, we read not one, but two full page editorials in the Mail on Sunday and the Independent about Monte Mayor Golf & Country Club so, on the back of a new found enthusiasm, I immediately made contact with their agent, Carrington Estates. After receiving an invaluable development overview of the type and price of plots that were available, (but thankfully with minimal 'sales pitch'), I arranged a swift visit to the development. I returned to England smitten by the imposing mountains, sea and golf course views. Although I failed to secure my 'ideal plot' during this visit, one that exactly matched my requirements became available a week later so I arranged for my architect to survey the plot and the deal was signed."

Jackie finishes, "Now I am able to tailor make my ideal villa to my own specifications. In my mind's eye I know exactly what I want and my architect will ensure that he interprets my ambitious specification to fit my reasonably tight budget. I know, however, that I will have a double height reception and master bedroom, three further bedrooms, four en suite bathrooms, my dream courtyard and a 'must-have' infinity pool with views to die for. There is no way that I would have achieved such a masterpiece 'off the peg'. The potential trade-off, however, is the hassle factor. I would not be naive enough to suggest that the whole process will be hassle-free, but with an outstanding architect to design and project manage, together with the support of the Monte Mayor management team and Carrington Estates, I hope it will be minimized. In business, I make decisions every day of the week, some good, some not so. However, with Monte Mayor I feel that I have made one