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MICHAEL Owen has installed hi-tech electronic surveillance equipment at his Spanish mansion to prevent kidnap attacks on his family.

The worried 24-year-old striker is also hiring round the clock security guards after taking advice on personal safety from Real Madrid team-mate David Beckham who lives just a few streets away.

Owen is moving to the £5,000 a week rented mansion in the suburb of La Moraleja on Monday with fiancé Louise Bonsall and their 18-month-old daughter Gemma.

And the England star is taking extra care to make sure he is not a target for kidnapers, like his sister Karen was earlier this year.

Owen said: "David has been telling me about the situation here. I'm going to assess what we need when I finally move in to my new home.

"The area itself looks pretty safe.

"There's a nice green bit where my daughter can play but I'm going to take all the precautions someone in my position has to."

It is believed Real Madrid will foot the bill for Owen's security set-up to protect their £8million asset, who was signed from Liverpool in the summer.

Over the last few years Spanish police have uncovered plots to seize top players and hold them for ransom.

Owen has also admitted he received death threats from rival supporters when he was still at Liverpool.

In January, two men grabbed his four-months pregnant sister Karen as she walked to her car at a leisure centre near her Cheshire home.

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. What has Owen done to his new house?

b. Does Owen like his new place?

2. Are the following statements True or False? (1 point)

a. Owen has lived in his new house for a few days: _____

b. Owen's sister is expecting a baby: _____

3. Find a word or expression in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

a. Quite: _____

b. Pay for: _____

