

Settling down in Tottenham

Kwabena has always aspired to own a property before the age of 30 and has been saving since the age of 18. Now at the age of 26 he has moved into a Shared ownership flat at Isobel Place in Tottenham.

Although he had been renting in other areas, when it came to buying a home it had to be North London. 'North London is the only place that ever felt like home. I grew up in North London. My first house was actually on Phillip Lane directly over the road.'

He recognises that most of his neighbours share the same enthusiasm for the area and believes that will hold the community together. 'The opportunity at Isobel Place is to develop a real sense of community because everyone's in the same boat – we've all just moved here and most people have a link to Haringey.'

Kwabena is particularly interested in all the regeneration happening in the area and is pleased to see it changing for the better. 'It's just nice to have Tottenham get something. Unless people feel like there's something to be proud of they won't take pride in the area and it's about time we gave them something to be proud of. And I think Isobel Place is part of that and I'm happy to be part of Isobel Place.'

Kwabena is settling down in more ways than one. He recently got engaged and it was at Isobel Place that he popped the question. He had invited his girlfriend to come and view the flat with him once he decided to buy it and while they were there, he got down on one knee and asking her if she would marry him. She said yes!

'This was going to be our first home and where I hoped a lot of memories would be built and would form the foundation of our future.' For this reason, when all his other elaborate and romantic proposal ideas fell through for one reason or another, he finally thought to do it in the most personal place of all: their new home.