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- 2.2 Larger villages are naturally occurring units with a good degree of self-sustainability. The effect of anything but very small scale development is destabilising as regards the community's ability to progress localism. Wool has reached its Carry Capacity as regards development. Since 200 houses have been tacked onto the edge of the village, two of the nearest shops, far from having a boost in trade, one has sold up and one has noted falls in sales over the last year. There is no evidence that significant increase in housing development strengthens the local facility framework. The majority of people occupying the houses are commuters to the larger conurbations and visit Supermarkets in them. A fish shop has been nearly lost to the village and is now operating from a caravan. The people of Wool have been very clear on the fact that they wish to remain a village in the recently published Parish Plan. How is it that 200 houses have been built on the edge of the village when the quota for the whole of Purbeck at that time was 120? Without replacing the small shops with Supermarkets any increase in size would change Wool into a transitional small town with loss of sustainability and urgent requirements for an infra-structure that would be detrimental to the wide variety of sites with supposed protection.