

# Sustainability Summit

The below answer sheet is for your own self-assessment. Please keep your completed questionnaires and answers on file for your record.

## Sense & Sustainability – How 3 Women Changed Our Approach To Sustainability

### 1. How did Jane Jacobs, Rachel Carson, and Barbara Ward influence our approach of sustainability?

**Jane Jacobs** 'book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* really changes the way people see cities. *Silent Spring* by a scientist, **Rachel Carson** examined at the disappearance of birds in the United States. **Barbara Ward** started to look at the issue of what ecosystems can be analysed in terms of economic systems.

### 2. How important are their ideas today?

The city is an ecosystem and if we understand that, we can understand a lot more about the inputs and outputs of cities. One of the outgrowths of their work is that perhaps we don't need big agribusiness, and you're growing it locally because they actually touched on the quality of life.

### 3. What lessons from their messages are there to help repair the damage done in our built environment?

- Limit mass- produced agriculture so you can minimise pesticides or fertilizers
- Designing for an urban life rich
- Measuring the quality of life in the city

### 4. What are your thoughts on these 3 women and their work?

They were both pioneers of urban design as well as being influencers of how to get urban planning and modern cities right and changed the way we looked at our urban and rural environments.