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Comments: I was sacked from Edinburgh Council in 2012 for my campaigning activities through www.kidsnotsuits.co.uk When I was suspended, I walked the streets gaining signatures for my petition calling for a whistleblower hotline for Council staff (too many had been sacked for speaking out). An elderly man who lived on the Royal Mile approached me one day and gave me some interesting information as to why the infrastructure costs for the trams had gone so far over budget. Evidently the Council has lost, in the late 90s, thousands of documents illustrating the precise location of all the services under the ground in Edinburgh's streets. When I worked at the Council I made use of the Network services team who had a rough idea of where everything was, but numerous Council projects went overbudget because we would dig in one place, only to find the services were often some 5 metres in the other direction. I guessed that the engineers of yore would have kept meticulous records of where services EXACTLY were. At the time, the man told me that he had written a thesis, or PhD on the subject. A few days later I tried to find this man to get more details. The international newsagents that he visited every week, next to the City Chambers was the place to find him. He subscribed to the Skye Times, so must have been a west-coaster. I took a letter for him to the shopkeeper, who placed it next to the copy of the Skye Times waiting for him there. He never came back to the shop again. Piles and piles of Skye Times built up waiting for him; the shopkeeper ordered them specially for him, but he suddenly stopped collecting them. I can only guess that he had suddenly fallen ill or passed away...

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