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It's been a particularly sad time for pubs of late. First developers bulldozed the <u>Carlton Tavern in Kilburn</u> without telling the landlady and now <u>The Black Cap</u> on Camden High Street has suddenly closed down. The long-standing LGBTQ pub has been open since the mid 1960s with the motto 'Just Be Fabulous', but sadly neither its long history or sassy motto was enough to save the bar from closing. Faucet Inn, the company that owns the pub, decided to shut down the bar last night without giving anyone much warning. But the beginning of the end started in January

when Camden Council proposed to turn the first, second and third floors of the pub's building into flats. A mass of the pub's supporters sent letters of objection and the proposal was overturned in February. The venue was also awarded Asset of Community Value status from Camden Council last month, which you'd think would count against closing it down, but apparently not. Since the pub's closure last night, the venue's website and Twitter page have been shut down, and The Black Cap has been removed from Faucet Inn's listing pages.

With the recent closures of other prominent LGBTQ London venues, the Joiners Arms and the Nelson's Head, and the Royal Vauxhall Tavern under threat, this is starting to become a worrying trend and we don't like it one bit.

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